



Sumter Police Department

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NEWS RELEASE

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WANTED: Andrew Colwell



CHARGED: Courtney Myers

Search continues for suspect after dispute leads to gunfire

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SUMTER, SC (Oct. 2, 2017) – Officers are continuing to look for one of the suspects involved in a shooting incident last week at a North Main Street motel during which one person was injured.

Police responded to a shots fired call just before 10 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Downtown Sumter Motor Inn, 409 N. Main St.

Detectives later determined Andrew Colwell Jr., 49, of 16-B Dixie Drive, and Courtney Jarrell Myers, 31, of 920 Reaves St., were involved in an argument that led to an exchange of gunfire.

A 53-year-old man, who was not involved in the dispute, was struck during the exchange and was taken to Palmetto Health Tuomey, where he was treated and released.

A warrant has been issued for Colwell for attempted murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and unlawful carrying of a handgun

At the time of the shooting, Colwell was wanted by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office on drug charges.

Colwell is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 155 lbs. and has black hair and brown eyes.

Myers was arrested Thursday and remains in the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center without bond. He is charged with attempted murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and unlawful carrying of a handgun.

An investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Information can be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC. A cash reward may be available for information leading to an arrest.

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Approved for media release by Chief Russell F. Roark, III

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