

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



SLED MAKES ADDITIONAL ARRESTS IN FAIRFAX MOTEL MURDER

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The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrests of three more individuals in connection with a Fairfax murder investigation from December 5, 2009.

Russell Rasheed Smart, Steven L. Smart, Eric Christian Smart are now charged with **Murder** and **Criminal Conspiracy**.

According to arrest warrants, the men traveled to the Fairfax Motel located at 2021 Hampton Avenue in Fairfax and conspired with each other to commit armed robbery.

As a result, the victim, 38-year-old Will Rogers Solomon of Yemassee, S.C., was shot multiple times and died from his injuries.

SLED Agents have previously arrested two females, Tyderria M. Mikell and Amanda Lakendra Davis.

Mikell is charged with **Criminal Conspiracy**.

Davis is charged with **Murder** and **Criminal Conspiracy**.

The Crime:

SLED Agents believe Solomon came in contact with Davis after receiving her phone number from a third party in the area.

Davis then allegedly conspired with Mikell and the Smarts to rob Solomon and his two friends.

It's believed Mikell drove Davis to a nearby gas station to meet Solomon and his friends.

Davis then drove the men to the Fairfax Motel and waited until the Smarts arrived to take part in their crime plot.

Eric Smart and Steven Smart approached the hotel room door, met Solomon when a fight quickly ensued. Agents say Russell Smart was present during the crime.

Solomon tried to defend himself but was shot and killed in the parking lot.

His friends hid inside the hotel room, until the suspects left the crime scene.

SLED Agents continue to investigate this crime.

SLED is the lead investigating agency on this murder case therefore all media questions should be directed to SLED's Communications Director, Jennifer Timmons by calling, (803) 896-7056 or by e-mailing, jtimmons@sled.sc.gov.

For booking photographs of Russell and Steven Smart, please call the Allendale County Detention Center at (803) 584-4616.

For a booking photograph of Eric Smart, please call the Jasper County Detention Center at (843) 717-3300.

Note to media:

Russell and Steven Smart are brothers. Eric Smart is their cousin.