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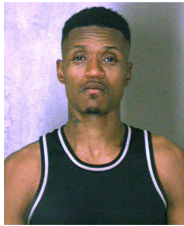
DeKalb County sheriff's deputies have arrested suspects in two separate murder cases.

On Thursday, July 09, 2009, Fugitive Squad deputies arrested murder suspect Emmanuel Lewis Spinks, a 24-year-old Stone Mountain resident. Spinks allegedly shot 21-year-old Charles Patton to death near Patton's residence on Creste Drive in Decatur on May 11, 2009. According to the criminal arrest warrant, in the days leading up to the victim's death, Spinks allegedly assaulted friends of the victim and said that he was coming after Patton and his friends and family.



Spinks

In a second arrest Tuesday, July 14, 2009, deputies nabbed suspect Thomas B. Sanders, 34, for the murder of Malinowsky Duranteoyoki Harris of Decatur on the Fourth of July. Sanders' address is unknown.



Sanders

According to official reports, Sanders (also known as "Bone") and Harris argued inside the Shell gas station at 645 Wesley Chapel Road in Decatur. Both subjects left the store, and minutes later shots were fired with Harris being shot in the head and in the back. He was pronounced dead shortly after being transported to Grady Hospital.

Sanders initially managed to elude arrest by deputies who, with backup from an Atlanta Police Department helicopter unit, chased him along the wood line in the 500 block of Erin Avenue in Atlanta. Deputies later spotted Sanders in a black truck. They tracked him to several locations and finally to his 16-year-old girl friend's house on Athens Lane in Atlanta where they apprehended him.

Sheriff's Fugitive Unit investigators say they also had been looking for Harris, the victim, for an armed robbery he allegedly committed in June 2009.

Spinks and Sanders are being held in the DeKalb County jail without bond.

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