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DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARREST 2 SUSPECTS FOR MURDER AT EVANS MILL ROAD RESTAURANT

Decatur, GA – DeKalb County Sheriff's Fugitive Squad deputies last night arrested two suspects wanted in the May 1, 2008, murder of a patron at DaBomb Wings and Seafood, a restaurant and night club at 2912 Evans Mill Road in Lithonia.

Lithonia residents Sherwin K. Phillips, 20, and Ivana Denise McDuffie, 23, are charged with the murder of a 41-year-old Conyers resident, John Hoover. According to the deputies' arrest reports and the DeKalb Police report of the original incident, security personnel escorted several persons, including Hoover and Phillips, out of the night club after a fight over McDuffie. A security guard escorted Hoover to the rear of the building to separate him from others involved in the fight. As Hoover stood near the patio with a security guard, Phillips returned with a handgun and shot him, the reports say. McDuffie allegedly instigated the shooting.

DeKalb County Police officers conducted the initial investigation of the case, which resulted in identification of the suspects. Sheriff's Office Fugitive Squad investigators received the arrest warrants, and following investigation and surveillance, deputies took the suspects into custody without incident at 1247 Baywood Glen in Lithonia, near their respective Baywood Glen residences.

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