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Jomar Tari Bennett Wanted for Murder

(Georgetown, SC)--The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information leading to the arrest of 27-year-old Jomar Tari Bennett to please contact the sheriff's office at (843) 546-5102. Bennett is wanted for the murder of 21-year-old Richie Qjay Stagers that occurred in the Sampit section of Georgetown County shortly after midnight on July 19, 2009.

Bennett is a black male approximately 5'11", 150 pounds and his last known address is 1040 Columbus Road, Georgetown, SC, which is also located in the Sampit section of Georgetown County. Bennett is considered to be armed and dangerous.

The incident occurred at 166 Ernestine Drive, Georgetown, SC, when Bennett and the victim had a dispute over the victim's car. The victim allowed Bennett to borrow his car for what he thought was going to be for a short period of time and Bennett did not return until approximately 2 hours later. The victim questioned Bennett over the matter and an argument ensued. During the argument, Bennett poured a beer over the victim's head and the victim knocked the beer out of his hand. At that point Bennett stepped back, pulled out a handgun and fatally shot the victim.



While sheriff's deputies were responding to the incident location, the victim was transported by a friend to the Georgetown Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The victim is scheduled for an autopsy this morning at 11:00 in Charleston at MUSC.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Investigators processed the crime scene throughout the morning. Currently the information given on the suspect is all the information we have at this time. The case is still under investigation and any further details will be released as they come about.
