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Sanford Police Arrest Two Suspects in Connection with Recent Homicide at Mama Coot's Bar

Sanford, FL (September 20, 2018): Sanford Police Investigators arrested Carl Ruffin Jr. and Ornie Lee Henderson Jr. in connection with the homicide of Derek Williams.

On September 8, 2018, at 2:46 am, Sanford Police responded to Mama Coot's, located at 1013 Historic Goldsboro Boulevard, in reference to a shooting with injuries. Upon arrival, contact was made with an adult male victim, later identified as Derek Williams, who was suffering from a gunshot wound. Sanford Fire Department provided medical attention; however, he passed away on scene as a result of his injuries.

Based on the investigation, it appears as though an altercation took place in the parking lot of Mama Coot's bar, between Williams and Henderson. During the altercation, shots were fired.

Probable cause was established for Carl Ruffin Jr and Ornie Lee Henderson Jr for the homicide of Derek Williams.

On September 19, 2018, Carl Ruffin Jr. was arrested and charged with one count of First Degree Premeditated Murder.

On September 20, 2018, Ernie Lee Henderson Jr. was arrested and charged with one count of First Degree Premeditated Murder, one count of Principle to First Degree Homicide, and one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

The investigation is still on going.

Anyone wishing to report information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Sanford Police Department or Crimeline at 800 423-TIPS (8477) or visit www.crimeline.org. Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips to Crimeline that lead to solving a homicide case are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5,000 dollars.

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