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CCSO charges two in connection with McClellanville homicide

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Detectives with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office have arrested and charged two men in connection with the homicide that occurred on the evening of Saturday, May 16, 2026, which killed Lewis Garrett, 36, of McClellanville.

Richard Allen Manigault, 38, of McClellanville, is charged with Murder, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and Armed Robbery. Wesley Howard Gerald, 31, of McClellanville, is also charged with Murder.

Deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to the 8600 block of North Highway 17 just after 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026, for reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, deputies located the victim, Garrett, with apparent gunshot wounds. Charleston County EMS also responded and pronounced Garrett deceased on scene.

The CCSO Forensic Services Unit and the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene. The Charleston County Coroner's Office also responded.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at (843) 202-1700 or Detective Cosimo Zappoli directly at 843-529-6207 or via email at CZappoli@charlestoncounty.org.

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