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FWB SHOOTING SUSPECT NABBED IN SOUTH CAROLINA



A man wanted in connection with an attempted murder and armed robbery in the Fort Walton Beach area last month has been located in Charleston South Carolina by a U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force.

19-year old Michael Conrad Venning Junior of 40-B Wright Parkway is accused of shooting 20-year old De'on Sanders outside a home at 3068

Yorktown Circle shortly before three a.m. on December 31st. Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Investigators learned that Sanders had been shot during an attempt to rob him of cash and force him into a car at gunpoint. The victim says a fight broke out when he refused to get in the car. During a struggle, Venning dropped the gun on the ground, then picked it up and began shooting. Sanders survived despite being hit five times; three times in the upper torso, once in the left leg, and once in the right elbow.

Venning was found hiding out in a location in Charleston South Carolina where U.S. Marshals took him into custody following a stand-off January 16th.

Investigators working the case say they were aided in part by tips to Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers and others.

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