



## *City of Columbia Police Department*



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### **Update in a Columbia Police Department's Cold Case Unit**

Columbia Police have identified three suspects involved in a homicide from 1999. On October 31, 1999, Nicholas S. Thompson was murdered during an armed robbery at 5401 Farrow Road.

With assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Columbia Police have identified Johnny Fletcher, Jr. (DOB: 11/30/1977) as a suspect in the homicide of Mr. Thompson. Currently, Fletcher is incarcerated at the U.S. Penitentiary-Lee, in Virginia in an unrelated matter. Fletcher will be charged with murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Columbia Investigators are searching for the other two suspects, Jacques Hickman (DOB: 9/2/1976) and Jerome Harper, Jr. (DOB: 10/21/1981). Hickman is believed to be in the Columbia area and Harper's whereabouts are unknown at this time. Hickman and Harper are being charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery and accessory after the fact of murder.

Columbia Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Hickman and Harper. If anyone has knowledge of their whereabouts, you are asked to call the Columbia Police Department at (803) 545-3500 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 559-TIPS.



Johnny Fletcher, Jr.  
B/M/30  
DOB: 11/30/1977  
HT: 5'8', WT: 175



Jacques Hickman  
B/M/31  
9/2/1976  
HT: 5'7', WT: 199



Date of Photograph: Undetermined  
Jerome Harper, Jr.  
B/M/26  
DOB: 10/21/81  
HT: 6'5', WT: 200