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16-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT ARRESTED IN JULY DOUBLE HOMICIDE

DECATUR, GA. (August 11, 2026) — The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Criminal Process Fugitive Unit, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals, arrested a juvenile wanted in connection with the shooting that resulted in the deaths of 13-year-old Demarcus Shirley and 45-year-old Chauncey Newman.

After evading apprehension since August 5, the juvenile was taken into custody at a residence in the 2200 block of Flat Shoals Road in Decatur, Georgia.

According to investigators, multiple shots were fired into a residence on Rockcliff Road SE on July 2, resulting in the deaths of the two victims. Several young boys were inside the home for a sleepover at the time of the shooting. No other occupants were injured.

"This was a senseless act of violence that took two innocent lives and left families and a community hurting," said Sheriff Melody M. Maddox. "Our investigators worked diligently with the U.S. Marshals to get this individual off the streets and into custody. We will continue to pursue those responsible for violent crimes and work to keep our community safe."

The juvenile is being held at a local youth detention center and faces 17 felony charges, including two counts of malice murder, 10 counts of aggravated assault, four counts of violation of the Street Gang Act, and one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

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