

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Detectives make another arrest in homicide of store owner

Crime Stopper tips pay off for investigators



Nancy Penetus

FORT PIERCE – Between the tips received by the Fort Pierce Police Department and Crime Stoppers in the wake of the shooting death of well-known store owner, Parag Patel, detectives are closing in on the remaining suspects involved in this violent crime.

Today, September 16, 2009, Detective Dave Cuti arrested Nancy Penetus, 25, of Port St. Lucie, for assisting Donald Isaiah and Anthony Symonette in eluding capture. Penetus, who is charged with accessory after the fact, was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail without incident.

Detectives are still reviewing numerous tips that have been received and more arrests will be made soon. The tips have provided information that has led to the identities of the suspects and has revealed that there is a seventh person involved with the crime, who will face a charge of accessory after the fact.

The third individual, who actually helped to rob and kill Patel on Friday, September 4, 2009, is still at large.

Arrested:

Mahogany Alexander, 26, of 1655 N. 29th Street
Deondravious St. Fleur, 23, of 604 Ixoria Avenue
Donald Isaiah, 24, of 607 N. 19th Street
Anthony Symonette, 21, 3104 Avenue K

Anyone with information that leads to the arrests of the persons responsible for Patel's death is urged to call Crime Stoppers at **1-800-273-TIPS (8477)** or Detective Dave Cuti at the Fort Pierce Police Department, 72-461-3820 extension 5285. They do not have to give their name.

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COURT DOCKET NO. 1. _____ 2. _____		USE SEPERATE FORMS FOR EACH DEFENDENT AND FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES OCCURRING AT DIFFERENT TIME, DATE OR LOCATION				AGENCY CASE NUMBER 2009-4-10366		
		ARREST AFFIDAVIT				FBI NO.	FDLE NO.	
BOOKING OFF.	JAIL NO.	DEFENDANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) <input type="checkbox"/> YES, TRUE NAME Penetus, Nancy				ARR AGENCY ORI NO. FL0560100		
<input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC RELATED		A.K.A. <input type="checkbox"/> YES, TRUE NAME				OBTS NO.		
DATE OF BIRTH 05/17/1984	AGE 25	PERMANENT ADDRESS (STREET NO., STREET NAME, CITY) STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY 1508 Royal Green Circle Apt# E107 Port Saint Lucie FL 34952 St. Lucie				PHONE		
DEFENDANT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT ON _____ AT _____ AM/PM		SEX F	HEIGHT 5'8"	WEIGHT 250	RACE Black	D.L.# / STATE P532620846770 - FL	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Black
		SSN [REDACTED]	EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL			DISTINGUISHING MARKS		
COPY TO: CLERK OF COURTS STATE ATTORNEY JAIL ARRESTING AGENCY DEFENDANTS	ARREST DATA	DATE 09/16/2009	MIL. TIME 1503	STREET ADDRESS 920 S U S Hwy 1 Highway Fort Pierce		STATE COUNTY FL St. Lucie		
		LONGITUDE -80.22000		LATITUDE 27.22000		DISTRICT ZONE 2 220		
	OFFENSE DATA	DATE 09/04/2009	MIL. TIME 0920	STREET ADDRESS 2114 Okeechobee Road Fort Pierce		STATE COUNTY FL St. Lucie		
		LONGITUDE -80.20000		LATITUDE 27.20000				
<input type="checkbox"/> WEAPON SEIZED	TYPE N/A	RESIDENCE TYPE County	CHARGE STATUS Probable Cause	UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF Unknown	CITIZENSHIP United States of America			
CHARGE TYPE	CHARGE / STATUTE NO.			STATUS	DRUG ACTIVITY	DRUG TYPE		
1. Felony	PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT OF CAPITAL FELONY / 777.03			Committed	N/A	N/A		
PRINCIPAL ARRESTING OFFICER / AGENCY David Cuti				EMPLOYEE NO. 7024	BOND AMOUNT			
DIVISION ISB			UNIT CID					
CO-DEFENDANTS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				VICTIMS NAME Patel, Parag				

I SWEAR THE STATEMENT ABOVE IS CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY

THIS _____ DAY OF _____

ARREST AFFIDAVIT

AGENCY CASE NO. 2009-4-10366	ARREST DATE 09/16/2009	DEFENDANT LAST NAME Penetus
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Narrative

On 09-04-09 at approximately 0920 hours, Ofc Solomon and Trinidad responded to 2114 Okeechobee Rd, (A & M Discount Beverage) in reference to a possible armed robbery.

Upon arrival, Officer Garcia, Pack, Gilroy and Sgt Hall were already on scene and inside the A & M Discount Beverage store searching for any suspects. Ofc. Solomon and Ofc Trinidad set a perimeter outside the A & M store. Sgt Hall stated that the building was clear and one person had been shot and needed rescue. After receiving an on scene briefing it appeared that three unknown black male suspects wearing all black with masks entered the A & M Discount store with weapons, then robbed and shot store owner.

Rescue 1 arrived on scene and pronounced the male, later identified as Parag C. Patel, dead on the scene. Parag C. Patel is the owner of A & M Discount Beverage. Through the course of investigation, detectives obtained arrest warrants for Anthony Symonette and Donald Isaiah in connection with the robbery/homicide.

On 09/11/2009 Detective Thayer with the U.S. Marshalls Task Force received information on the location of Anthony Symonette and Donald Isaiah who were both wanted for the murder of Parag Patel. They responded to 5742 Washington St. Apt. A in Hollywood Florida. When Isaiah and Symonette were apprehended, a rented red Dodge Caliber was located in the parking lot of the residence. Detective Thayer was advised by [REDACTED] (where Isaiah and Symonette were located) that both Isaiah and Symonette drove to his residence in the rented Dodge Caliber. The vehicle was towed to our compound and searched pursuant to a signed search warrant from the Honorable Judge Phillip Yacucci.

On 09/15/2009 I received information that Nancy Penetus was trying to report a red Dodge Caliber that she rented on September 10, 2009 as stolen. I then confirmed with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] at Discount car rental located in Stuart Florida that Penetus did in fact rent a red Caliber on 09/10/2009 at 0940Hrs. [REDACTED] then advised me that Nancy Penetus called him and tried to report that car stolen. [REDACTED] knowing the involvement of that vehicle in relation to the suspects from the homicide called the Fort Pierce police station to report this information.

Det. Kantorski called Nancy Penetus on 09/15/2009 and asked her to come to police station to discuss the details of the alleged stolen vehicle.

On 09-16-09 at approximately 0930 hours Ms. Penetus came to the police department to discuss the case. I met with Nancy Penetus and asked her about her vehicle. She initially stated that she rented the car on 09/10/2009 and gave the car to her friend Carmilla (unknown last name). She then said that she got a phone call from Carmilla stating that the rental car was stolen on Ave D in Fort Pierce with the keys. I advised her that I did not believe her story and that she should tell the truth about the rental car. Nancy then stated that her ex-boyfriend [REDACTED] called her phone late on 09/09/09 and stated that he needed to meet with her and he needed a favor. Nancy stated that he would not talk over the phone and that he wanted to meet and talk.

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NOTARY / ASA _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

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Narrative (Continued)

Nancy Penetus stated that the next day (09-10-09) that she dropped off her current boyfriend at the Fort Pierce K-Mart for work. She then called [REDACTED] and he told her to meet him at the Citgo, which is directly across the street.

Nancy Penetus stated that she was waiting in the parking lot of the Citgo when she saw [REDACTED] pull up in a silver Mercury. [REDACTED] asked her to rent a car for him. [REDACTED] then asked her to follow him to drop off the car that he had driven to meet her. Penetus says that she drove over to the Fort Pierce South Beach while following [REDACTED] to an unknown apartment complex. [REDACTED] walked into an apartment and she saw another black male standing by the door. She reports that [REDACTED] then got into her car and they started to drive to Stuart to get the rental car.

She states that the two of them traveled together to the Discount Rental, located at 1295 SE Dixie Cutoff Road in Stuart Florida where she rented a red Dodge Caliber. According to Penetus, [REDACTED] gave her four (4) one hundred dollar bills to rent the vehicle for him. She then stated that [REDACTED] took her car and told her to meet him with the rented car in the parking lot of the Treasure Coast Mall.

When they got to the mall, Penetus asked [REDACTED] why he needed a rental so badly. According to Penetus, [REDACTED] asked her if she read in the paper about the murder to the store clerk. She stated that she had and it was "messed up". [REDACTED] then told her that this is why he needed a rental. He told her that the two boys that were in the paper wanted for the murder were not caught yet and he is going to use the rental car to pick them up and go down south. Penetus stated that [REDACTED] mentioned that he was going to take one of the wanted persons down south so he can get on a cruise to the Bahamas and live with his family. He also stated that he was going to take the other wanted person north to Atlanta G.A. After the statement of knowing what the vehicle was being used for I then read Nancy her Miranda rights and she agreed to continue talking with me about the crime.

Nancy Penetus stated that [REDACTED] did not tell him the names of the boys he was taking out of town but she did state that she knew that her car was being used to take two murder suspects away from Fort Pierce. Penetus then stated that [REDACTED] told her before she left the mall parking lot that he was going to buy a wig out of Spencers gifts and then get the windows tinted on the rental car so the boys that he was driving could not be seen.

While detectives were conducting a search warrant on the vehicle that had been recovered where the two men were arrested, we noticed that there was a wig located in the drivers side of the vehicle on the floor board. Additionally, detectives noticed that the vehicle windows had been tinted. I called the Discount Car Rental and they confirmed that the windows had not been tinted prior to the car being rented to Ms. Penetus.

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