

# HATE CRIME ALERT

COLUMBIA, SC  
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## "Savage" Eight-on-One Attack Disfigures Victim, Fractures Skull; Attackers Charged Under Lynching Law

Motive: **RACIAL**

No. Victims: **1**

Victim Race: **WHITE**

No. Attackers: **8**

Attacker Race: **BLACK**

Details: see below



Carter Strange before and after the "brutal," unprovoked assault.

- Eight black teens (ages 13–19) are in custody after a **"savage" assault** left Carter Strange (18, white) in **critical condition** (WMBF News). Four have since been charged with second-degree assault and battery by mob, which until last year was still officially known as **lynching**.

- Below: a surveillance video shows the gang approach Carter from behind and attack **without warning**. Police Chief Randy Scott: "[Carter] was minding his own business, trying to make his curfew, when he was **brutally attacked and robbed**." Earlier that evening, the gang had tried and failed to assault or rob **four other people**.



- Carter's injuries were so severe, his own mother did not recognize him. **The gang broke his nose, eye socket, and skull.** He required emergency surgery for a blood clot in his brain and facial reconstruction to repair his nose. Police say he would have **died** had he been found any later.

- The **extreme violence** of the ambush, and the fact that **only** Carter's cell phone was taken, strongly suggest robbery was **not** the real motive.

### Race and Crime: Know the Facts

- South Carolina's population is 28% black, but according to FBI data, blacks commit **most** of the violent crime: **78%** of robberies, **57%** of aggravated assaults, **59%** of rapes, and **75%** of murders.

- Nationwide, contrary to popular belief, blacks commit **more** violent crime against **whites** than against **blacks**, suggesting a **racial bias**. (White violent criminals choose black victims only **3%** of the time.)

**Stay informed and stay safe!**