ACTIVE MANHUNT UPDATES

Law enforcement received information about a new sighting of escaped convict Danelo Cavalcante early on September 5, 2023. The Pennsylvania State Police and the Chester County District Attorney’s Office are releasing the still photos. The fugitive has not changed his appearance.

On the morning of August 31, 2023, Danelo Cavalcante escaped from the Chester County Prison. Since the day of the escape, there have been several credible sightings of the fugitive, observed in the immediate areas surrounding Longwood Gardens and Pocopson Township. One additional sighting was reported on the evening of September 4, 2023, within that perimeter and a multiple-hours long search was conducted by law enforcement.

On the morning of September 5, 2023, security at Longwood Gardens notified law enforcement that they had received trail camera footage that was taken on their property which showed an individual appearing to be Cavalcante. This area was just south of the original perimeter. Investigators confirmed it was Danelo Cavalcante, and he has a backpack, a duffle sling pack, and a hooded sweatshirt.

Cavalcante was seen in the trail camera footage walking north at 8:21 p.m. and back south though the same location at 9:33 p.m. Based on that information the manhunt has shifted from the original parameter to contain him, moving towards the southern end of the established perimeter.
Superintendents in the areas were notified immediately with the updated information and the schools in Unionville Chadds-Ford and Kennett Area Consolidated school districts closed for the day.

A reverse 911 call was sent out to the residents in a 3-mile radius in English and Spanish early this morning.

Additional federal agencies including the FBI and US Customs Border Patrol have sent resources to the Chester County area in attempt to aid the manhunt.

This is still an active and ongoing investigation. Hundreds of law enforcement officers are working around the clock using helicopters, drones, and K-9 units to locate the fugitive. Residents in the perimeter area are asked to lock their doors, check their cars and belongings, and to stay aware of their surroundings.

Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of Danelo Cavalcante is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately. There is a $10,000 reward for anyone with information that leads to his capture.

Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney