NEW INFORMATION ON THE MANHUNT FOR DANELO CAVALCANTE

At approximately 8:00 p.m. on September 11, 2023, a motorist reported to law enforcement that a male was crouched near the wood line on the south side of Fairview Road, west of Route 100. The motorist turned her vehicle around to verify what was seen, but the individual had disappeared into the woods.

Troopers in the area began forming a perimeter around the sighted area, and a Border Patrol Tactical Team in the immediate vicinity went directly to the sighted area where they discovered footprints in mud which were an identical match to the prison shoes that Danelo Cavalcante wore. A track was initiated, and shortly after finding the footprints, both prison shoes were located.

Information was received from another resident in the immediate area that a pair of work boots had been stolen from a porch.

The tracking of Danelo Cavalcante continued in a northern direction. At approximately 10:10 p.m., a call was received from a resident on Coventryville Road, indicating a short Hispanic male, wearing dark pants and no shirt, had entered an opened garage while the homeowner was inside. The male grabbed a .22 rifle with a scope that was leaning in the corner of the garage. The homeowner drew a pistol and fired at Cavalcante as he fled with the rifle.

The Pennsylvania State Police responded and secured the scene immediately. At this time, a green sweatshirt and a white t-shirt, believed to have been worn by Cavalcante, were discovered near the edge of the driveway. The perimeter was
expanded to include that area. Overnight searches were conducted around the clock by tactical teams from multiple agencies, including the Pennsylvania State Police, Border Patrol, ATF, FBI, US Marshals, and Chester County law enforcement.

Aviation assets, canine units, mounted patrols, and numerous other assets have been mobilized and are currently operating in the search area. Upwards of 500 law enforcement officers are engaged in securing the perimeter and conducting searches. Additional resources have been mobilized, and an extended operating period is planned if necessary.

Cavalcante is considered armed and extremely dangerous. He is now armed with a .22 caliber rifle with a scope and a flashlight mounted on it. Throughout the night, residents within a 3-mile radius of the search area were sent multiple reverse 911 calls and messages, and information was posted to social media by the Pennsylvania State Police in order to keep the public informed and safe. All affected schools were notified immediately in the early morning of September 12, 2023, and the decision was made to close the Owen J. Roberts School District for the day.

The current perimeter includes PA 23 to the north, PA 100 to the east, Fairview and Nantmeal Roads to the south, and Iron Bridge and County Park Roads to the west.

The Pennsylvania State Police are asking that all residents in the area remain vigilant – please check your surroundings and belongings, lock your doors, and check your cars.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts should call 911, PA State Police command post at 1-877-926-8332 or anonymously contact the PA Crime Stoppers at 1-800-4PA-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=107.

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