

Emergency Alert - Escaped Prisoner in Chester County

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WANTED

REWARD: Up to \$25,000

WANTED FOR ESCAPE



Danelo Souza Cavalcante

WANTED SINCE:
8/31/2023

IN:
Chester County, PA

FOR:
Escape (Serving life sentence for homicide)

DOB: 07/03/1989 **Ethnicity:** Latino
Sex: Male **Hair:** Black
Height: 5'00" **Eyes:** Brown
Weight: 120

CAUTION – VIOLENT HISTORY

Case Outline:
Combined reward is now up to \$25,000.
Danelo Cavalcante is wanted by the Chester County Detectives, Pennsylvania State Police, and the United States Marshals Service (USMS) for escaping from the Chester County Prison on 08/31/2023.
Cavalcante is also wanted for homicide in Brazil. He is a Brazilian national fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.
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 tip online](#).

Report any information on his whereabouts to 911 or the
PA State Police immediately.

This fugitive is considered extremely dangerous.

Update: 9/13/2023

Danelo Cavalcante is in custody. Press conference at 9:30am.

Update: 9/12/2023

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.

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Update: 9/5/2023

With the escaped prisoner still at large, the Board of Supervisors are encouraging all residents to remain alert and vigilant. Check in on your neighbors who may live alone or are unable to leave their home. Continue to review surveillance cameras around your home, keep vehicles and homes locked, and be conscious of sheds, large trash containers, and other structures/areas that may serve as a hiding place.

If you see something, say something and call 911.

Refer to the Chester County District Attorney's Facebook and Instagram pages for official updates.

There is a \$10,000 reward for anyone with information that leads to his capture.

Update: 8/31/2023

A message from the Chester County Department of Emergency Services on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Police Avondale:

There is currently an escaped prisoner from the Chester County Prison in Pocopson Township. The subject, Danelo Cavalcante, is a 34 year old, 5 foot, 120 pound, Hispanic male. The subject was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts with white sneakers. If you see him, do not approach and call 9-1-1 immediately. He is convicted of homicide and presumed extremely dangerous.