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VIDEO - Newark Police Arrest Man Wanted in Double Vehicular Homicide in Stolen Vehicle

Suspect Apprehended While Recklessly Driving Vehicle Stolen Out of Nutley

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O’Hara reports the arrest of Sharrod Rogers, 20, of Newark, who was wanted for a double vehicular homicide that occurred on March 31, 2022.

“I commend the Newark Police officers who apprehended this suspect, who was actively being sought for multiple charges related to two deaths after the stolen vehicle he was driving struck another vehicle three weeks ago,” Director O’Hara said. “The suspect was recklessly driving yet another stolen vehicle, showing a callous indifference to the lives of other drivers and pedestrians in Newark and zero remorse for the lives previously lost due to his actions. Hopefully, he will be detained so that he cannot continue to endanger lives in our community.”

The deadly crash occurred at Elizabeth Avenue and Runyon Street at approximately 4:30 a.m., when a 2021 Dodge Charger, reported stolen out of Union, smashed into an Acura, killing two passengers—a man and a woman—who were both pronounced at the scene. Three teenage girls, who were passengers in the stolen vehicle, were also injured in the crash. The stolen vehicle’s driver and another passenger, both males, fled the scene on foot after the Dodge Charger burst into flames.

Just before 9:20 p.m. Friday, Newark Police at Muhammad Ali Avenue and Barclay Street observed a white BMW that had been reported stolen out of Nutley yesterday. The driver was speeding and weaving through traffic when police observed the vehicle again at Irvine Turner Boulevard. Upon becoming aware of police presence, the driver, Rogers, attempted to cross the concrete median at Irvine Turner Boulevard near Avon Avenue, where the vehicle became stuck. Two passengers exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Rogers was arrested when he also tried to run from the vehicle, but he stumbled and fell. A 17-year-old male passenger who had fled was also quickly apprehended.

Rogers, who initially provided the name Davon Rogers, faces charges of false documents and contempt of court for outstanding warrants from the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office for two

vehicular homicides, and for two open warrants from the New Jersey State Police and from Livingston Police.

The 17-year-old is charged with receiving stolen property, obstruction of the administration of the law, and resisting arrest.

These charges are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/43SXDoPHNBE>



Sharrod Rogers