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## **NEW CHARGES RELATED TO FATAL HIT-AND-RUN ADDED AGAINST DDRD DEFENDANT MARQUESE GAINES**



**MARQUESE GAINES**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 21, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Norristown Police Chief Mark Talbot and Upper Merion Township Police Chief Thomas Nolan announced additional felony charges against Marquese H. Gaines, 29, of Philadelphia, related to a fatal hit-and-run crash that occurred Aug. 30, 2019, in Norristown.

The new charges against Gaines stem from an Aug. 30, 2019, crash that occurred at the corner of East Airy and Violet Streets in Norristown. At 9:09 p.m., Norristown Police arrived on scene to find a 2003 Yamaha "dirt bike" lying on its side and a 2013 silver Infinity sedan. Motorcyclist Timothy Manning Jr., 35, of Hatfield, was transported by helicopter to Thomas Jefferson Hospital, where he died several hours later from injuries sustained in the crash.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Norristown Police Department found that the motorcycle, which did not have lights, was traveling west on East Airy Street when the car pulled into the path of the motorcycle from

Violet Street. The motorcyclist braked, but struck the car's left front bumper, deploying the driver's side airbag. Video surveillance was obtained by Norristown Police, which shows the crash, followed by a male subject exiting the car and fleeing on foot. DNA was recovered from the Infinity's driver's seat headrest, as well as other items in the vehicle. The Pennsylvania State Police Forensic Laboratory results indicate that Gaines had been in the vehicle.

When the fatal crash occurred, Gaines had an outstanding arrest warrant issued March 25, 2019, charging him with Drug Delivery Resulting in Death (DDRD), Possession with Intent to Deliver and other charges related to the Dec. 27, 2018, overdose death of Daniel Marinari in Upper Merion Township. The investigation of Marinari's death revealed that the fentanyl/heroin that killed him was supplied by Gaines and two accomplices. Gaines ultimately was arrested on Sept. 25, 2019 and has been held since at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility on \$1 million bail.

Gaines was arraigned on Feb. 20, 2020 on charges of Accident Involving Death/Failure to Stop, Accident Involving Death/Not Properly Licensed and related charges before Magisterial District Judge Scott Palladino, who set bail at \$100,000 cash. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 4, 2020 before Magisterial District Judge Greg Scott.

Assistant Chief of Trials Tonya Lupinacci is prosecuting the case.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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