

State Police Arrest Two Following Methamphetamine Investigation

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Drug Task Force (DTF) arrested 26-year-old **Jamiyah Dennis** of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, and 19-year-old **Kaliyah Barnes** of Newark, Delaware, following a months-long multi-agency drug investigation in New Castle County.

Over the past several months, detectives from the Delaware State Police Troop 2 DTF, with assistance from Troop 2 Governor's Task Force, Homeland Security Investigations – Wilmington, and the Delaware County Narcotics Unit, conducted an investigation into Dennis. During that time, Dennis sold investigators multiple quantities of methamphetamine totaling approximately 310 grams. Based on the results of the investigation, detectives obtained a warrant for Dennis' arrest on September 4, 2025.

On September 8, 2025, investigators contacted Dennis in the 100 block of West 41st Street in Wilmington. Dennis arrived in the area carrying a large plastic bag believed to contain narcotics, while Kaliyah Barnes drove the Chevrolet Traverse that took her to the location.

As officers approached to take Dennis into custody on the active warrant, she attempted to flee on foot while carrying the suspected narcotics. After a brief foot pursuit, troopers took Dennis into custody. During the arrest, she resisted and later attempted to force her way out of the police vehicle, during which she kicked a trooper.

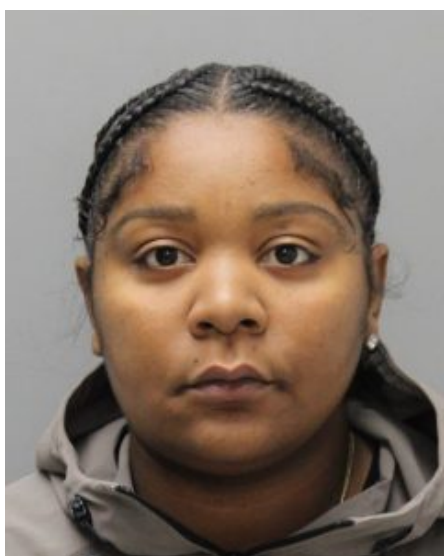
Following a search of Dennis and her belongings, troopers recovered approximately 456 grams (1 pound) of suspected

methamphetamine.

The Chevrolet Traverse was stopped a short time later, and Barnes was taken into custody without incident. The investigation revealed that Barnes assisted Dennis by taking her to Wilmington, knowing Dennis was in possession of methamphetamine.

Both Dennis and Barnes were transported to Troop 2 and charged with multiple crimes.

Dennis was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$212,000 cash bond.



Jamiyah Dennis, 26,
Boothwyn, PA

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity – 7 counts (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest with Force (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Offensive Touching of a Law Enforcement Officer

Barnes was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$45,000 cash bond.



Kaliyah Barnes, 19,
Newark, DE

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

The Delaware State Police extends its appreciation to our federal, state, and local partners for their collaboration in this operation.