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Patrol seeks public assistance in locating escaped suspect

DAYTON – The Dayton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is seeking the public’s assistance in locating Cordis Delane Berard, 25, of Richmond, Ind., after he escaped law enforcement custody during a traffic stop eastbound on Needmore Road in Harrison Township in Montgomery County, at 2:24 am today.

Berard, a black male, is 5 foot 8 inches tall and weighs 162 pounds. He has a goatee and was last seen wearing long, tan baggy shorts, a pullover shirt with broad brown stripes, a black baseball cap and handcuffs.

A photo of Berard is available for download at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov .

A trooper stopped Berard on multiple marked lanes violations and driving the wrong way near the Marathon Gas Station on Needmore Road. After performing field sobriety tests, troopers discovered Berard had an active felony warrant out of Wayne County, Ind. The trooper placed Berard under arrest and handcuffed him. The trooper searched the suspect and confiscated a small amount of narcotics from the suspect’s left pocket. As the trooper went to place the contraband on the patrol cruiser, Berard fled on foot behind the gas station and into a residential neighborhood.

The Patrol is asking if anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Berard, to please contact the Dayton Patrol Post at 937-832-4794.

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