

August 28, 2025

NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY HIT GETTING OFF SCHOOL BUS BY DRIVER HIGH ON DRUGS:

Here is the press release by the Chesterfield Chief of Police:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUGUST 28, 2025

CHESTERFIELD POLICE OBTAIN WARRANTS IN CONNECTION WITH AN INTOXICATED DRIVER
STRIKING A JUVENILE AND LEAVING THE SCENE

On August 27, 2025, a vehicle tried to improperly pass a school bus on Schoettler Road and struck and seriously injured a 9-year-old child on his way home from school. The vehicle left the scene of the crash. Chesterfield Police Officers responded promptly to the scene to assist paramedics and investigate the incident. Chesterfield Police Officers located the vehicle a short distance away and initiated a traffic stop. An investigation determined the driver was intoxicated by drugs.

The suspect has been arrested, and charges were issued by the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.


The suspect is identified as:

Dante Devito, 35 years old, from Chesterfield, MO

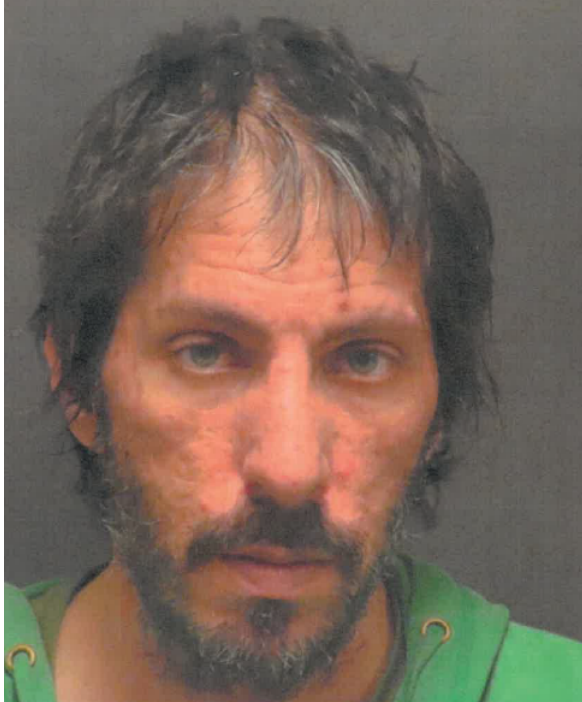
Charges: DWI - Serious Physical Injury – Class D Felony

Leaving the Scene of an Accident – Injury – Class E Felony

Bond: \$250,000



Colonel Cheryl Funkhouser
Chief of Police



This is from the warrant filed against Dante Daniel Devito:

DANTE DANIEL DEVITO 14718 MILL SPRING DRIVE CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017		RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: [REDACTED] HGT: 5'08 WGT: 140 P.D.: Chesterfield ORI Number: MO0959A00	SSN: [REDACTED] OCN: VG001903 CASE ID: 189479709 RPT NO: 25-3820 CT. NO: 25X-0107030 Bond: \$250,000 see warrant attachment
Aliases: Mr. Dante Daniel Devito			
Defendant			
CHARGES			
Count: 01 DWI - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS D FELONY			
Count: 02 LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT - PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS E FELONY			

COUNT: 01 DWI - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS D FELONY

That Dante Daniel Devito, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002, 558.011 and 577.010, RSMo, in that on or about August 27, 2025, 1965 Schoettler Rd, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, and acted with criminal negligence by passing a school bus by driving into opposing lanes of traffic, returned to his lane of travel and then struck a pedestrian, and as a result caused serious physical injury to Confidential Victim.

I, Greg Rupp, DSN 264, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true and documented in report number 25-3820. I have probable cause to believe that on August 27, 2025, within St. Louis County, Dante Devito, White, Male, 5'08", 140lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 DWI - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS D FELONY

Count: 02 LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT - PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS E FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at approximately 4:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of 1965 Schoettler Road for a report of a child being hit by a car, and the driver of the vehicle, a 2017 Buick Lacrosse, left the scene. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the victim who was transported to the hospital. The officer observed a few car parts on the ground including a side mirror of the suspect vehicle that had fallen off from the accident. Officers stopped a vehicle matching the description provided, and the defendant was driving. A witness confirmed the vehicle was the same vehicle involved in the crash. The suspect vehicle was missing a mirror, and it matched the mirror found at the scene of the accident. The defendant was identified as the driver of the vehicle and initially said that the mirror had broken off a week earlier. The defendant's body was shaking and his eyes were bloodshot, and he appeared drowsy.

The victim suffered a fractured elbow and concussion as well as other injuries.

There is reason to believe the defendant poses a danger to the community and/or crime victim based on the above-outlined facts.

Greg Rupp, DSN 264, Chesterfield Police Department

[Signature] /s/ *P.O. Greg Rupp #264* Date: *8-28-2025*

Dante Daniel Devito

08/27/25	Felony DWID, Felony Leaving Scene of Accident	Chesterfield PD
11/17/21	Criminal Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$175 fine	Eureka PD
03/04/21	Moving Vio reduced to Health Code Vio \$285 fine	Creve Coeur PD
02/10/21	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$150 fine	Shrewsbury PD
05/24/12	Property Damage reduced to Littering \$300 fine, Ct 2 Property Damage \$125 fine	Chesterfield PD

This is from our 2013 Newsletter that features the Property Damage arrest:

On 05/24/12 22-year-old Dante Devito of Chesterfield was accused of two counts of Destruction of Property. Chesterfield Police were called to the Shell gas station on Clayton Road. The dispatcher thought it was a hit and run action, but when police arrived and contacted an 18-year-old driver of a 2007 Chevrolet and her 17-year-old passenger they learned the call was about vandalism to a car.



Devito from facebook page.

Devito had an ongoing dispute with the girls over a personal relationship. The girls claimed that Devito had been in the gas station, saw them and then came running out and kicked the door to the car damaging it. The 17-year-old passenger reported that Devito had done a similar thing to her while she was driving her car.

The incident was caught on security video at the gas station. It showed Devito running out of the station and jumping and kicking the door of the car.

The driver said she told him, "You know this is on video, right?" She continued that he replied, "I don't care I own this Shell Station."

Unfortunately for him he didn't and the station management gave the police a DVD showing the incident.

Devito later came to the police station and admitted to the offense, claiming he thought the girls were following him to harass him.

On 02/07/13 Devito pled guilty to Littering (fined \$300.50) and Property Damage (fined \$125). Here was a non traffic case where an actual on-the-record conviction of the offense a defendant was charged with occurred.
