

# Egg Harbor City woman arrested in Berlin stabbing

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BERLIN TOWNSHIP — An Egg Harbor City woman was alleged to have left a victim with multiple stab wounds at a Camden County Wawa on Friday afternoon, the Camden County

Prosecutor’s Offie said.

Township police were called to the Wawa on the 400 block of Route 73 in the township for a report of a stabbing in the parking lot. Police found the victim, a 35-year-old Egg Harbor City man, with multiple

stab wounds. He was taken by helicopter to Cooper University Hospital where he was in critical condition, police said.

Police arrested the suspect at the scene, 36-year-old Kelli Feaster, of Egg harbor City. Police say Feaster and the victim

appeared to be acquainted.

Feaster was charged with first-degree attempted murder, second-degree aggravated assault, third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and fourth-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

She is being held in Camden County jail pending a detention hearing.

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## Wrestling

From A1

Lt. Will Santiago, who is also the PAL executive director, is very passionate about Atlantic City, his hometown.

Even more so, he is passionate about the local youth.

“As a police officer, I want to make sure I find something for them to do, educational or with sports,” said Santiago, who played football at Atlantic City High School for one year and Holy Spirit for three.

Most youth athletes from Atlantic City are really only used to playing basketball and football “and have not really found something else they can like to do,” Santiago said. Santiago and the rest of the PAL are very aware that wrestling numbers are low at Atlantic City High School, and having a youth team and more of an outlet to grow the sport at a young age was something he wanted to implement.

“We wanted to introduce our kids to wrestling, a new sport,” Santiago said. “If they do it now when they are younger, when they are in high school or in junior high school, they can say, ‘Hey, I know how to do that. I want to do that.’ And it gives them another opportunity to do a sport in school, meanwhile not being in the streets. That’s the big thing about this.

“Lets get them involved in doing sports because sports are good in



PATRICK MULRANEN PHOTOS, STAFF WRITER

Members of the Atlantic City Lions youth wrestling team gathered Friday for the unveiling of their new mat.

competition, but also they keep our kids occupied and not finding other things to do in the streets.”

And the kids really do seem to love it.

“I like the sport. I just love doing it. It’s fun. It’s a good way to get in shape,” said Atlantic City rising junior Giovanni Jimenez, who has been wrestling for one year.

Atlantic City police Chief James Sarkos wrestled at Mainland Regional from 1991-94, so this new initiative is special for him. Sarkos, a board member of the PAL, pushed for a youth program, saying the sport helped grow his self-esteem and confidence.

Sarkos, Holmes, Santiago and some of the youth athletes helped roll out and assemble the mat Friday. “It’s really cool to see them em-

brace it, and they love it,” Sarkos said. “They love their team. They love their coach (Holmes). That was the main thing. Finding the right coach the kids can relate to and get them interested in this sport. That’s what we have done, and it has been fantastic.

Sarkos said they used older mats to gauge the interest, and the numbers grew pretty fast, a reason they purchased the \$15,000 mat. He is proud to help wrestling grow in Atlantic City, saying the sport can also provide a solid future for the youth, like scholarships for college.

“We are very happy with how popular this has become,” Sarkos said. “We feel really good we were able to provide this for the youth of Atlantic City. I think it’s a sport they would learn to love.”



The 40-by-42-foot mat has a giant logo of the newly-formed Atlantic City Lions youth team as well as ACPD and PAL logos at the bottom.

Holmes agreed.

“Wrestling really helped with my behavioral issues,” said Homes, who was originally from Georgia. “It kept me involved in the sport where I can go to college and continue my education and take the sport to the next level and keep going.”

He hopes that becomes a reality for many of the youth athletes in the program.

“Just keep working hard and trying to achieve better things in life,” Holmes said.

Atlantic City councilman Kaleem Shabazz said Sarkos showed him the design of the mat via text, but when Shabazz saw it in person he “had no idea it was this big,” he said. The number of young athletes coming out is “a very good thing,” because it helps their future, he added.

“As the elected representative in this area, I am overjoyed,” Shabazz said. “I am overjoyed. This is a tremendous, tremendous, tremendous addition to PAL, which is already an icon in this area. They do so many great things in our community for the young people. This is just an extra added service.”

The PAL also offers track, boxing, flag football, basketball, basketball and many other activities. The building has a computer room for homework, too.

“So it’s not just about sports. We have so many things here in our building so they don’t have to be out on the streets,” Santiago said.

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## Wonderland

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Jim Kelly, the founder of Ocean City 2050, said Saturday the proposal is not designed to recreate the old Wonderland but something new and better for the city.

“It’s something entirely new, better — and also joyfully familiar. A place where public space, classic fun, and smart development come together. It’s nostalgic, affordable and financially sound,” Kelly said. “We think this plan is a win-win for our town and the developer, and we’re optimistic that it’s a solution that everyone can get behind.”

The group members say their proposal will leverage Mita’s strengths.

“Mr. Mita is a proven boutique hotel operator and this plan is positioned right in his wheelhouse,” Merritt said in the Ocean City 2050 statement earlier in the week. “It’s a plan that offers a clear path forward, can draw broad consensus and avoid years of costly litigation and presents an opportunity to build both a great legacy and substantial profit.”

Mita declined to comment Friday on Saturday’s meeting.

The Wonderland Commons proposal includes:

■ A Reimagined Wonderland — a smaller, more compact amusement park designed for young children

and their families, focusing on lower costs, simple rides and plenty of charm

■ A Digital Entertainment Center — a tech-forward, immersive, year-round destination with VR experiences, escape rooms, projection games and interactive storytelling for teenagers and adults

■ Public attractions — a free children’s playground, bandshell stage for live music and performances and a rooftop deck with ocean views

■ A rotating selection of food trucks — featuring local chefs and regional street food classics

■ Low-rise, high-end lodging — with rooftop pools, comfortable seating, retail and dining on the ground floor, blending into the neighborhood and Boardwalk surroundings

“This plan helps spark much needed community debate, as this is not only about the future of the Wonderland site, but the future of the entire family friendly Ocean City boardwalk,” said City Council member Keith Hartzell at the meeting Saturday.

Last summer, Wonderland CEO Jay Gillian announced that the amusement park long operated by his family was no longer a viable business. Mita got involved in the business years earlier with a multi-million-dollar investment as Wonderland neared foreclosure.



BILL BARLOW, STAFF WRITER

Bill Micchelli, the manager of Ocean City Pizza, said the pies are the same as last year and so is most of the staff, but the name is new for the Boardwalk spot at 6th Street.

That investment put the property in Mita’s name, and was then leased back to Wonderland.

Gillian, who has long served as Ocean City’s mayor, has said he no longer has any connection to the business, but he was on site Friday morning. He said he helped out with the sale of one of the rides at the property.

Over the winter, many in town expressed fears that the property would stand vacant this summer, possibly as a means to drive home the image of an area in need of re-

development.

Instead, on the sunny first official day of summer on Friday, the doors were open, with a line of dozens of arcade games where there were formerly kiddie rides. The historic carousel remains in place, but is not in operation.

There also are other businesses in operation, including a pizza shop, a spot selling breakfast sandwiches and a bike rental operation.

“At least it’s open,” Gillian said Friday. “That’s all I asked, that it not be closed over the summer.”

Several community members have questioned the potential impact of a shut business at Sixth Street and the Boardwalk, and Hartzell has pushed for a community playground nearby, where there are now volleyball courts, in part as a means of encouraging visitors to that section of the Boardwalk.

The former 6th Street Pizza & Grill, which had been part of Wonderland, has a new phone number and a new name, Ocean City Pizza Company, but the pies are the same, and so is most of the crew.

“Everything’s looking good so far,” said Bill Micchelli, the manager of Ocean City Pizza, taking a momentary break from preparing pizzas as a Friday lunch crowd began to come in off the Boardwalk.

This week, Gillian said he had heard nothing new about when a Mita proposal could come in front of council. Council President Pete Madden said the last he heard, the Icona presentation was set for July, but he said he was not surprised it would be pushed to August, saying July is right around the corner.

“Nothing formal has been presented to City Council at this point,” Madden said.

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