

Man charged with hosting alcohol party

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PORTSMOUTH — A Portsmouth man turned himself in to police for hosting an underage alcohol house party in June at which 20-year-old Rye resident Jhaimé Dye was in attendance.

Dye died that night after crashing his car off Route 1A in Rye.

Police say Dye attended the party and consumed alcohol while he was there.



MATTHEW EVANS
Suspect

On Oct. 16, Matthew B. Evans, 20, of 60 Market St., turned himself into police on an arrest warrant for the misdemeanor count of facilitating an underage house party.

Portsmouth Police Capt. Janet Champlin said at this time there is no charge linking Evans to Dye's death.

Dye was an undergraduate at Suffolk University in Boston, and was a 2005 graduate of Portsmouth High School where he played soccer.

His car was found shortly before 6 a.m. about 25 feet off the road on a pile of rocks along the coast near Wallis Sands Beach.

At the time, police said the crash could have occurred anytime between 2 a.m. and the time his Town and Country van was discovered.

Portsmouth Police Capt. Janet Champlin said Dye stopped at other locations after the party but police are not disclosing those details at this time.

Champlin said Portsmouth police have been assisting Rye in the investigation and helped develop a timeline of the events leading to Dye's death.

"Through the information developed we determined that Dye had in fact spent time in Portsmouth that evening and attended a party," Champlin said.

Champlin said Evans apartment is in the same building as the Portsmouth Gaslight Company.

Champlin said where Evans got the alcohol for the party is part of the investigation.

Evans was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled for arraignment in Portsmouth District Court on Monday.

Anyone with further information is asked to call Detective Chris Cummings at the Bureau of Investigative Services at 436-2511.

Callers can also remain anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers at 431-1199 or 207-439-1199.

Anyone with information may also visit their website, www.seacoast-crimestoppers.org.