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South Jersey artist's design on display



Artist created jerseys for Gender Equality Night

Danielle Cartier models the skatearound jersey she designed during the NJ Devils' Gender Equality Night at the Prudential Center in Newark earlier this month.

DANIELLE CARTIER

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Danielle Cartier is a ball of artistic energy, so it's no surprise her designs are full of color, movement, light and vibrancy.

That spirit helped the Malaga resident get chosen to create special skate-around jerseys for the New Jersey Devils' recent Gender Equality Night earlier this month.

"I thought, why not? It's open to any New Jersey artist, and I'm a Jersey artist!" she said on a sunny day inside her light-soaked DC Gallery & Studios in the midst of Millville's Glasstown Arts District. Cartier saw a call for artists on the New Jersey Council for the Arts website, and decided to take a shot.

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PREIT posts another loss, changes to Jersey malls

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PHILADELPHIA - The owner of two South Jersey malls has reported an annual net loss of \$175.7 million, continuing an eight-year string of deficits.

But PREIT pointed to new tenants coming to Cherry Hill Mall, diversification at Moorestown Mall and its recent sale of Cumberland Mall as signs of hope for improvement.

CEO Joseph Coradino asserted he was "proud of what the team has accomplished despite mounting economic headwinds."

What's happening at South Jersey malls?

In a conference call with investment analysts on March 22, Coradino noted the sale of several South Jersey properties as part of an effort to reduce PREIT's debt.

The company sold Cumberland Mall in Vineland for \$44.6 million and its interest in Gloucester Premium Outlets in Gloucester Township for \$35.4 million.

As part of a diversification effort, the firm sold part of the parking lot at Moorestown Mall for \$11.5 million. That's intended to make way for a 375-unit apartment complex. PREIT also sold a vacant Sears auto center — expected to become a liquor store — for \$3.5 million.

Diversification efforts include the ongoing construction of a Cooper University Healthcare facility in a former Sears store at the Route 38 mall.

Coradino also noted Eddie V's Prime Seafood is expected to open at Cherry Hill Mall sometime this spring.

Also taking leases are two apparel chains, Japan-based Uniqlo and Psycho Bunny, a New York firm, Coradino said.

Bigger annual deficit

PREIT operates 19 shopping malls, primarily in mid-Atlantic states.

It posted an annual net loss per common shareholder of \$175.7 million, up from \$160.1 million. The loss per share rose from \$30.56 to \$33.06

Annual revenue was unchanged at \$296 million.

PREIT reported a fourth-quarter net loss of \$41.5 million, or \$7.81 per share. That compared to a year-before deficit of \$34.5 million, or \$6.52 per share.

Quarterly revenue fell to \$80.6 million, down from \$85.1 million in the 2021 period.

The company is not issuing guidance for its 2023 performance.

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Willingboro man convicted of killing woman during cellphone sale

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MOUNT HOLLY - A Willingboro man has been convicted of killing a Lindenwold woman during a robbery in March 2019.

Marvin A. Coleman, 24, was accused of fatally shooting 21-year-old Maribely Lopez as the victim sat in her car in the Millbrook Park section of Willingboro.

Lopez, known as Bely, was a graduate of Lindenwold High School who enjoyed

playing soccer and basketball, according to an obituary. Her survivors included her parents and two siblings.

What happened to Maribely Lopez?

Lopez went to Willingboro on the night of March 6, 2019, after arranging through an app to sell a cellphone to Coleman, according to the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.

They agreed to meet on Medley Lane, a short distance from Coleman's home

on Marlboro Lane.

"But instead of buying the phone, Coleman executed Lopez by firing a shot through the partially opened driver's side window," the prosecutor's office said in a statement. "The phone that was advertised for sale was discovered by investigators inside of the car."

Investigators believe Lopez was shot in the head around 11 p.m. Her body was found the next morning in her vehicle, with its engine still running.

Jury needed just three hours to convict

A Superior Court jury deliberated for about three hours over two days before returning guilty verdicts Wednesday on charges of murder, felony murder, robbery and weapons offenses, the prosecutor's office said.

Superior Court Judge Gerard Breland scheduled sentencing for June 9.

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