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Additional Arrest in Homicide Case

On 16 April 2011, at approx. 12:51 am, Officers from the Lancaster City Bureau of Police were dispatched to the 1st block of Old Dorwart Street for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived in the area and discovered a female victim inside 26 Old Dorwart Street, who had been shot. The victim was taken to Lancaster General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead a short time later. The victim is a 33 year old female, who is a resident of Lancaster City. The identity of the victim is being withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

Detectives were notified and are in the process of interviewing witnesses and processing the crime scene. The investigation is in the very early stages at this time, however, this does not appear to be a random act of violence.

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police has identified the female who was shot and killed at 26 Old Dorwart Street, earlier in the morning of 17 April 11. The victim has been identified as 33 year old, Diana Spencer, of Lancaster.

Investigators are continuing the investigation into Spencer's death and have been interviewing witnesses throughout the day.

The Lancaster City Police continued to investigate the shooting death of Diana Spencer, with the assistance of the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office and County Detectives. Investigators are following up on information received from tips, as well as other interviews. Investigators have also been in contact with the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition and are reviewing footage from cameras in the area. As a result of the investigation thus far, investigators have developed descriptions of two suspects believed to be involved in the death of Spencer. City Police Detectives are attempting to identify the following suspects:

Suspect #1 – an unknown male, possibly black or having a dark complexion

Approx. 20-30 years old

Short, dark afro-style haircut, thin build

Dark colored jacket or sweatshirt, baggie jeans

Suspect #2 - an unknown male, possibly black or having a dark complexion



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Approx. 20-30 years old
Medium build, approx. 5'9" tall
Dark colored hooded sweatshirt, baggie jeans

Investigators are requesting that anyone who may have seen the suspects in the area of Old Dorwart Street or around the time of the homicide to please contact the City Police Detectives.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON ARREST AS OF 19 APRIL 11:

As the investigation into this Homicide continued throughout Monday and into Tuesday, Detectives were able to develop the below two individuals as the suspects involved in this shooting....

Oscar Manuel Martinez, 18 (Arrested on 19 April 11)
800 Blk Manor St. (AKA: "Shine")
Lancaster, Pa.

Christopher L. Lassitter, 24 (Arrested on 20 April 11)
LKA: 300 Blk Mill St. (AKA: "B")
Lancaster, Pa.
Approx. 5'9" to 5'10" tall, 160 lbs

Martinez and Lassitter are being charged with Criminal Homicide and Criminal Conspiracy (to Commit Homicide) by Detective Kurt Miller before Magisterial District Judge Cheryl Hartman. Both Martinez and Lassitter are currently being held at the Lancaster County Prison. Investigators are also exploring the possibility that others were involved as well.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL ARREST ON 19 July 11:

Jakwan Archie Green, 21 (charged on 19 July 11)



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Currently being held at the Lancaster County Prison(No Bail).

As a result of this still ongoing Homicide investigation, Detective Kurt Miller Charged Jakwan Archie Green with Criminal Homicide and Criminal Conspiracy(to Commit Homicide) before Magisterial District Judge Cheryl Hartman on 19 July 11. Green has been incarcerated in the Lancaster County Prison since 19 May 11 on an unrelated charge.

After being conveyed from the Lancaster County Prison to the City Police Station and being interviewed by Detectives Kurt Miller and Michael Gerace yesterday afternoon, Green was arraigned on these charges, at the City Police Station, late last evening by Magisterial District Judge Cheryl Hartman and re-committed to Lancaster County Prison with no bail.

This continuing investigation has revealed that Green was present with the other defendants for the planning of this crime and traveled with the other defendants, in a vehicle, to Diana Spencer's residence, knowing that they were going to seek retaliation against Spencer or others at that location pursuant to an on-going feud. Green then went to Spencer's door and knocked on it, after which one of the other defendants shot the victim. Green then fled with the other defendants, in the vehicle after the shooting.

The investigation into this Homicide is continuing by Detectives, as to all aspects of this case, as well as the possible involvement of others in this killing.

The Lancaster City Police is respectfully requesting that the news media limit what is published in this case to that which is on this news release and to specifically refrain from publishing the names of any witnesses or anyone else other than those mentioned on this news release, should they become known, so as not to jeopardize anyone nor this ongoing investigation.

As always, all defendants in this case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

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