



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Arrest for Thefts From Vehicles

On 12 July 2009, at approx. 0712 hrs., an alert Lancaster City resident observed a suspicious subject looking inside vehicles in the 300 block of College Ave. The resident observed the suspect entering several vehicles and then contacted the Lancaster City Bureau of Police to provide a clothing and physical description of the suspect. Officer Michael Fisher responded to the area and located the suspect in the 300 block of College Ave. Upon stopping the suspect, Officer Fisher observed that the suspect was in possession of several items of loot which had been stolen from several vehicles that were parked in the area. The items of loot included a GPS unit, U.S. currency, a wallet, a bank card and a stereo. The suspect was identified at the scene by a witness and was taken into custody. When officers searched the suspect's person, they found a smoking pipe for ingesting controlled substances. The suspect is identified as:

Arrested – Brian Scott PHELAN M/33  
700 block of Lincoln Ave Ephrata, PA

Phelan was then taken to the Lancaster Bureau of Police, where he is currently being held for arraignment. Detective Donald Morant assisted the Patrol Division with the investigation and charged Phelan with five counts of Theft From A Motor Vehicle (M-3) and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M). The investigation is continuing and additional charges are possible. If anyone has additional information regarding this incident, you are asked to contact the Lancaster City Bureau of Police at 735-3300.

All persons accused of a crime are innocent until proven guilty in court.

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