



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Arrest in Hit & Run, Stolen Vehicle

On October 27, 2011, a hit and run vehicle crash occurred at the intersection of Prince St. and King St. at 12:30 a.m. A maroon 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck failed to stop for a red traffic signal and struck a 2004 Pontiac sedan. The pickup truck, which had been travelling south on Prince St., also struck two large flower pots and a building on the southeast corner of the intersection. The pickup truck then fled the scene, driving east on King St. The driver of the Pontiac, a 24-year-old Lancaster Township man, sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision. The victim was transported to Lancaster General Hospital where he underwent surgery, and was admitted to the trauma-neuro unit. He has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. Investigators located a PA vehicle registration card among the debris from the crash. It was later determined that this registration card was from the suspect vehicle.

It was later determined that the Chevrolet pickup truck involved in the crash had been stolen from the 100 block of N. Christian St. sometime after 10:15 p.m. on October 26, 2011.

On 10:15 a.m., October 27, 2011, a Lancaster City Parking Enforcement Aid located the stolen pickup truck illegally parked and unoccupied in the 200 block of S. Ann St. The vehicle had front end damage and a broken window. Detectives searched the pickup truck and located a cellular telephone. Forensic examination of the cellular phone led investigators to determine that the owner of the phone was Brian E. Hostetter (aka Samir Abdul Ghani), a 35-year-old city man. This individual matched the description that witnesses provided of a man seen hanging around and trying to start a maroon pickup truck with the window smashed out in the 100 blk. N. Christian St. on the night of October 26th.

Det. Steve Owens obtained a warrant for Hostetter. On November 5, 2011, Off. Todd Grager spotted Hostetter in the 1st block of W. Strawberry St. and arrested him without incident. Hostetter was in possession of the ignition key to the stolen Chevrolet pickup truck at the time of the arrest.

This incident was investigated by the Lancaster City Police Patrol Division and the Lancaster City Police Auto Theft Unit. The Lancaster City Auto Theft Unit is funded by grants from the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevent Authority and the Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority.

Arrested: Brian E. Hostetter, 35 years old
300 block Beaver St., Lancaster



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Charges: Aggravated Assault by Vehicle

- Accidents involving Death or Personal Injury
- Accidents involving Death or Personal Injury while not Properly Licensed
- Theft by Unlawful Taking
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended
- Traffic Control Signals
- Duty to Give Information and Render Aid
- Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle or Property

Hostetter was arraigned and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$150,000.00 bail.

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

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