



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Arrest in Shooting Case

Shortly after 5:20 am, Saturday morning, March 21st Lancaster Police were notified that a shooting victim, a 21 year old Lancaster City man, had arrived at a local hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Officers were able to quickly determine that the shooting took place at an address in 400 Blk Pershing Ave and as Officers began to check that area, it became apparent that this shooting took place specifically at 445 Pershing Ave. Officers were also able to determine that the victim had driven himself to the hospital in a vehicle, which was subsequently left at the hospital. As a result, Officers were able to secure both the vehicle that the victim drove himself to the hospital in and the scene where the shooting occurred, this being 445 Pershing Ave.

After checking the residence at 445 Pershing Ave, Officers were eventually able to determine that there were five occupants inside, three males and two females, and all were detained as the investigation continued. Detectives also responded to the hospital and it was subsequently learned that the victim, who was acquainted with some of the occupants of 445 Pershing Ave, had gone there early that morning, gotten into a dispute with one of the occupants and the other occupant fired a single shot from inside the residence through the front storm door, which struck the victim in the chest. It was further determined that the shooter was one of the three males that had been detained by Officers at the scene and he was identified as....

Jermaine Maldonado, 21  
400 Blk E. Orange St.  
Lancaster, Pa.

Maldonado was subsequently arrested and conveyed to the police station, and interviewed, as were the other occupants of the house, as well as a variety of other witnesses. In addition, the house and the vehicle that the victim drove to the hospital were searched and processed. As a result of searching the house, detectives located two handguns, a .357 caliber revolver and a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun, one of them believed to have been used in the shooting.

As a result of the investigation, Detective Donald Morant charged Maldonado with Criminal Attempt(to commit Homicide) and Aggravated Assault before Magisterial District Judge Kelly Ballentine, he was held for arraignment and will be arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez later this evening. The injury



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to the victim is not believed to be life threatening at this time. The investigation into the circumstances surrounding this shooting is continuing and anyone with information is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300.

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