



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Arrest made in Homicide

On Wednesday evening, August 12th the below suspect was arrested in connection with the Homicide which occurred at 326 E. Orange St at 5:45 am the previous morning....

Charlie Jose Rivera-Rodriguez, 23
700 Blk E. End Ave
Lancaster, Pa.

After several hours of surveillance, Rivera-Rodriguez was observed walking out of his residence, shortly before 8:45 pm and was arrested by Detectives without incident. He was also found to be in possession of a handgun and was conveyed to the police station, where he was later interviewed and will be charged by Det. George Bonilla with Criminal Homicide(F-1), Burglary(F-1) and 2 Counts of Criminal Conspiracy(to commit both Homicide and Burglary) before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez. Ballistic tests will be conducted on the handgun, found in the possession of Rivera-Rodriguez, to determine if it was used in the Homicide .

The investigation thus far has revealed that multiple suspects entered the victim's residence unlawfully, after which a struggle ensued between the suspects and the victim and the victim was ultimately shot multiple times inside the apartment and the suspects subsequently fled the scene.

The investigation into this Homicide is very active and on going, particularly as it relates to the involvement of other suspects. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

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As always, persons charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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