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Arrest made in Robbery at Apartment

Shortly before 7:50 this morning, July 14th Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to an apartment in the 400 Blk E. Frederick St, the Fulton Market Apartments, by a female caller, who stated that someone had broken into their apartment and was in the apartment at that time.

Sgt Bradley Shenk and Officer James Boas arrived and initially observed a subject walk towards the front door, but then away from it and towards a closet, refusing to come to the door. At this point, the Officers forced entry into the apartment to find the below suspect inside, as well as a 27 year old male resident of the apartment. The suspect was then taken into custody without incident and was identified as.....

Jahmeer Shabazz Payne, 17
900 Blk Edgewood Ave
Lancaster, Pa.

The female caller, a 29 year old resident of the apartment was also located inside and both victims, as well as the suspect, were conveyed to the police station and interviewed by detectives. It was learned that the two residents had been asleep in the apartment and shortly after a third resident of the apartment had left for work, the suspect was able to gain entry into the apartment, armed with a handgun, where he confronted the male victim and demanded money. The male victim was subsequently forced to walk to the first floor of the apartment, where the suspect began to collect items of loot for the purpose of stealing them. During this time, the female resident was able to dial 911 and notify police. The suspect then forced the male victim into a first floor closet, locked it and returned upstairs where he confronted the female victim with the gun and demanded money. The suspect then walked back down stairs and it was at this point that the police arrived.

Found hidden inside the apartment, was the handgun used by the suspect—A 9mm Ruger Semi-Automatic handgun, with an obliterated serial number, as well as a variety of electronic equipment and other items that the suspect had taken. Fortunately, neither of the victims were injured as a result of this.

As a result of the investigation, Jahmeer Payne was charged with Burglary(F-1), 2 Counts of Robbery(F-1), Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act--Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number(F-2) and Unlawful Restraint(M-1). Jahmeer Payne was charged as an adult, with the charges being directly filed, due to



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the fact that a deadly weapon was used in the commission of these offenses. Payne was charged by Detective James Fatta before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez and he was held for arraignment.

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