



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Arrest made in Shooting Case

Shortly before 2:43 pm, Saturday afternoon, May 30th, Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to 500 Blk Chester St for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, Police located the victim, a 25 year old Lancaster City man, suffering from a gunshot wound to the are of his abdomen. The victim was conveyed to a local hospital via ambulance, where he underwent emergency surgery.

Detectives processed the scene and interviewed witnesses throughout the evening and the following day. As the investigation progressed throughout the week, it became clear that this was a targeted attack due to past problems between the victim and another individual, over a female. It was also determined that at the time of the shooting, the shooter was a passenger in a vehicle that drove through the block and after spotting the victim, the shooter fired from the vehicle, striking the victim, who was standing next to a parked vehicle. The suspect's vehicle fled the area and the victim went to an adjacent residence for help. On Thursday, June 4th, the below suspect was identified as the shooter....

Joseph Anthony Hunter IV, 20
300 Blk Beaver St.
Lancaster, Pa.

Following this, Thursday evening, Det. Bill Breault charged Hunter with Criminal Attempt(at Homicide, F-1), Aggravated Assault(F-1), Criminal Conspiracy(2 Counts—To commit Homicide and Aggravated Assault, both F-1) and Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act(Firearms not to be carried w/o a License, F-3) before Magisterial District Judge Kelly Ballentine and a warrant was obtained for his arrest.

On the morning of June 5th, a contingent of Detectives and Officers went to Hunter's residence in 300 Blk Beaver St, where he was arrested without incident shortly before 11:00 am and conveyed to the police station, where he was interviewed and then held for arraignment. A Search Warrant was also obtained for the search of his residence and a handgun was located and seized as a result of this search. The investigation in this case is continuing as to the possibility of additional charges and the potential involvement of other individuals. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lancaster Bureau of Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their



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