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Arrests in recent Robberies

On June 14, 2011, at approximately 1:31 a.m., Lancaster City Police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Chestnut St. for a robbery that had just occurred. Officers located two victims, a 38-year-old city man and a 29-year-old city man, who related the following:

The victims stated they were walking in the 300 block of W. Chestnut St. when they observed a group of males walking in the 200 block of N. Mulberry St. As the victims continued walking, they heard footsteps running up behind them, and then they were both struck in the head and face by the suspects. The suspects told the victims to empty their pockets. The 29-year-old victim gave the suspects \$7.00 cash. The other victim gave the suspects \$14.00 and a pill bottle containing prescription medication. The suspects then fled on foot, last seen running south on N. Concord St. One of the suspects was wearing a red sweatshirt.

At approximately 1:38 a.m., officers received a call from Lancaster General Hospital regarding a robbery victim who was in the emergency room. Officers spoke to this victim, a 27-year-old city man, who stated that at approximately 1:20 a.m. he was walking in the area of W. Lemon St. and N. Prince St. This victim stated that a group of 5-6 males began following him and that one of the suspects stood in front of him and engaged him in a brief conversation. The suspect then punched the 27-year-old man in the face. The victim attempted to run and the suspects chased him. The victim stated he was struck on the back of the head with a hard object and pushed against a parked car. The victim stated he observed one of the suspects in possession of a black handgun. The suspects demanded the victim surrender his wallet, which he did. The wallet contained approximately \$30.00 in cash. The suspects were last seen walking east on Lemon St. The victim noted that some of the suspects were wearing black and gray sweatshirts. The 27-year-old victim sustained a laceration to the back of his head and on his right ear, a bleeding mouth, and bruising around his left eye. He was transported to Lancaster General Hospital by a citizen who witnessed the robbery and stopped to help. Police credit this individual, a female city resident, with disrupting the attack. (The female yelled when she witnessed the robbery, and the suspects then fled the area.)

At 1:36 a.m., Lt. Christopher Laser was searching for the suspects from the 1:31 a.m. robbery and observed six males walking west in the 400 block of Manor St., one of whom was wearing a red sweatshirt. Lt. Laser and other officers stopped these subjects, and the 38-year-old and 29-year-old victims were transported to the 400 blk. of Manor St. where they identified 5 of the 6 suspects as the individuals who robbed them. Investigators later determined that the 6th suspect was also involved in the robbery. One of these individuals (later identified as Daniel TORRES) had a black BB gun which resembled a real handgun tucked in the waistband of his pants.



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Members of the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Division worked throughout the night. Further investigation and interviews determined that these same individuals were responsible for the robbery that occurred at 1:20 a.m. in the 100 block of W. Lemon St. Two discarded sweatshirts, one black and one gray, were later located in the rear yard of a house in the 400 blk. of Manor St. One of these sweatshirts contained the pill bottle that had been stolen from the 38-year-old male.

Charged were:

1. Daniel Antonio TORRES 18-year-old male
300 blk. Waterford Court
Lancaster, PA
2. Ruben Gabriel RUIZ 18-year-old male
600 blk. Poplar St.
Lancaster, PA
3. Isaac Rafael GUZMAN 19-year-old male
1st blk. N. Mary St.
Lancaster, PA
4. Fernando Derrak MALMER 23-year-old male
300 blk. E. King St.
Lancaster, PA
5. A 17-year-old male city resident
6. A 16-year-old male city resident

Each of the above individuals was charged with (3) counts of Robbery and (3) counts of Criminal Conspiracy.



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The four adults were arraigned by MDJ Hamill and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$250,000.00. The juveniles were committed to the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center. All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

Investigators are continuing to explore the possibility that these individuals may have been involved in additional crimes. Due to the ongoing nature of these investigations, the Lancaster City Police will not be releasing photos of the accused individuals at this time.

Photos may be released at a later time and if so, they will be immediately forwarded to media. Additional information regarding any conclusions to any related investigations will be forwarded at a later time.

****Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation and so as not to endanger anyone, police are respectfully requesting the media to limit what is published in this case to that which is in this news release and to specifically refrain from publishing the names of the victim and/or any witnesses should they become known.****

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