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Arrests made in Armed Robberies

Shortly after 9:30 pm, Friday evening, March 20th Officers of Platoon B, under the command of Lt. Michael Bradley were dispatched to the area of Euclid Ave and High St for the report of an Armed Robbery, which had occurred about five minutes prior to that. Officers began checking the area for the three suspects (two of which were to be armed), whose descriptions were broadcast over the radio. Officers were also able to locate the victim, a 28 year old Lancaster City man, who indicated that he had been walking in the area, when he was approached by the three suspects, two of them armed with handguns and masks over the lower portion of their faces, demanding money. The suspects escaped, fleeing, on foot, south on Euclid Ave, with a small amount of cash and a pack of cigarettes.

As Officers were still checking the area for the suspects in this Robbery, a second Armed Robbery was dispatched shortly after 10:00 pm, which was to have occurred in the area of Ruby St and Ocean Ave, was to involve two suspects, with masks over the lower portion of their faces and one of them was to have been armed with a handgun. Officers then checked the area for these described suspects and located the victim, a 26 year old Lancaster City man, who indicated that he had been walking in the area when he was approached by them, they yelled at him to stop and when he turned to look at them, one of them was armed with what he believed was a handgun. The victim, believing that he was going to be robbed, began to walk away quickly and he heard 2-3 pops, which sounded to him to be a firecracker, a B-B Gun or a cap gun, and he then picked up his pace even quicker, as he attempted to get away from them. The victim then heard the suspects, who had been following him, turn east to go out of the area and he used his cell phone to immediately notify the police.

Officers Thomas Ginder and Jason Zahm had been on patrol in the area of this Robbery, prior to it being dispatched and had seen two individuals on foot and one on a bicycle, near Ruby St and Ocean Ave, about 30-45 seconds before the radio broadcast. As a result, after hearing the incident and description of the suspects broadcast over the radio, the Officers made the decision to attempt to locate the three individuals that they had just seen in that area. As Officers began to check in the direction that they had last seen these individuals, they observed the two individuals, who had been on foot, in an alley off of Bay St and upon seeing the Officers, one of these individuals fled on foot north towards Second St. As Officer Ginder stayed with the one suspect, Officer Zahm attempted to locate the other. A short time later, the suspect who fled on foot came back to the area where the Officers were, but he was no longer wearing the sweatshirt that he had on previously and he was detained as well.



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As Officers and Detectives checked the area for evidence, they were able to locate the sweatshirt that the suspect who fled had been wearing, with a mask(which fit the description of that provided by the victim in the second robbery) in the pocket of the sweatshirt, as well as a B-B Gun(in the same area), which closely resembled a semi-automatic handgun. These items were found stashed in the direction in which this suspect fled, prior to his walking back towards the officers. Also, located, near where the first suspect was stopped, was an additional B-B-Gun, which also resembled a semi-automatic handgun, as well as B-B's and another half mask on the first suspect's person.

Both of these suspects were ultimately arrested, conveyed to the police station and interviewed by Detectives. They were identified as....

Rafael Luis Rivera, 16
800 Blk George St.
Lancaster, Pa.

Terrell Hargrove, 15
200 Blk N. Reservoir St.
Lancaster, Pa.

The victims had also been interviewed and as the investigation continued throughout the night, into the early morning hours, it was determined that these suspects were involved in both of these Robberies and both were charged with Robbery(F-1, 2 Counts) and Criminal Conspiracy(to commit Robbery, F-1, 2 Counts) by Detective Manuel Luciano before Magisterial District Judge Cheryl Hartman. Both of these suspects were charged as adults, due to the nature of these offenses.

As the investigation continued, later that evening, on March 21st Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the third suspect(the individual on the bicycle, who had initially been with the two above suspects) for the same charges, stemming from the same two Robberies. This suspect was identified as....



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Mario Quinones, 22
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(older brother of Rivera above)

Detectives then went to Quinones' residence at about 9:00 pm, Saturday evening, March 21st where he was arrested without incident, on the warrant, conveyed to the police station and interviewed. He too, was charged by Det. Luciano with Robbery(F-1, 2 Counts) and Criminal Conspiracy(to commit Robbery, F-1, 2 Counts) before Magisterial District Judge Cheryl Hartman.

All three of these suspects were arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez, bail was set at \$75,000.00 for each one and they were all three committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of bail.

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