



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Assault and Wanted Subject - updated information

#### PREVIOUSLY RELEASED INFORMATION

Between Thursday, 03 February and Sunday, 06 February 2011 the Lancaster City Police again had multiple incidents at the bar located in the 300 block of N. Queen Street in Lancaster City known as "Gusto's".

It was discovered during the investigation that the assault previously reported as having occurred early Saturday morning, 05 February did in fact occur early Thursday morning, 03 February. During this incident, Police responded for a report of two individuals having been assaulted inside the bar. As the Victims attempted to leave the establishment they were again accosted by the assailant outside the premises. Police are continuing the investigation into the assault and the actions of the employees of the business.

Early Sunday morning, Police responded for a loud crowd leaving the bar upon closing time. While dispersing the crowd, Officer Shawn Sheppard observed a wanted subject leaving the bar and entering into a vehicle. Officers were able to get the vehicle stopped and took Benito ILDEFONSO of Brooklyn, NY into custody on an outstanding federal indictment. The Lancaster City Police had been advised of the indictment by the DEA in New York as well as the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force.

The Lancaster City Police will continue to take a proactive approach in dealing with quality of life issues that are impacted by licensed drinking establishments and their patrons. Business owners, residents and citizens are encouraged to contact the Lancaster City Police with regards to concerns or information regarding incidents or issues at licensed drinking establishments in the City.

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As a result of the investigation into the assaults that had occurred inside Gusto's at 335 N. Queen Street, Police charged the following subject:

Devon Shamar HOGUE



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Male, 23 years of age  
Resident of the 500 block of Poplar Street in Lancaster City

During the investigation, Police learned that HOGUE had been a patron at Gusto's, as were the two Victims. It was learned that HOGUE had assaulted a 27 year old female by punching her in the back of the head then pushing her head down onto a piece of furniture while punching and kicking her. When a male friend attempted to intervene, HOGUE violently assaulted the male by punching him, knocking him to the ground and then stomping on his head, torso and legs knocking him unconscious. The male Victim is 27 years old as well. Neither of the Victims reside in the City.

HOGUE was arrested on Thursday, 17 Feb 11 without incident.

HOGUE was charged with one count of Aggravated Assault and one count of Simple Assault. He was arraigned before District Justice Cheryl Hartman who set bail at \$75,000. HOGUE was committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of bail.

This investigation is still on-going into other aspects of the incident and the Police respectfully request that the media do not publish any information with regards to any of the Victims or Witnesses involved in this investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, another update release will be sent.

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