



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Attempted Burglary Arrest

A combination of a burglar alarm, an alert citizen, and Lancaster Community Safety Coalition cameras helped Lancaster City Police apprehend an individual who was attempting to commit a burglary yesterday, March 30, 2011. Lancaster City Police responded to a residential burglar alarm at a home in the 100 block of N. Reservoir St. at 12:50 p.m. Upon arrival, they discovered the screen window to the back door had been cut, and a window of the adjacent interior door had been broken. No suspect was located at this time.

At 1:23 p.m., a citizen called police to report seeing a man possibly trying to break into a house in the 500 block of E. Orange St. The witness saw the man knocking on the front door of the residence and then jumping over a fence to access the rear yard of the home. Responding officers (Off. Jay Hatfield and Sgt. Richard Cosmore) quickly located an individual in the 300 block of E. Orange St who matched the description provided by the caller. As officers approached, this person dropped a pair of gloves on the ground. He also had a folding pocket knife in his possession. He was detained without incident.

While police were responding to these calls, Lancaster Community Safety Coalition camera operators began monitoring and reviewing video surveillance from the area. A review of the video footage showed an individual had knocked on the front door of the residence in the 100 block of N. Reservoir St. just prior to the 12:50 p.m. alarm call. Later video footage shows this subject walking towards the 500 block of E. Orange St. The LCSC camera operator was able to verify that the individual police had detained on E. Orange St. was the same individual who had knocked on the front door of the home on N. Reservoir St. A warrant search revealed that this subject had an outstanding summary warrant. He was placed under arrest and conveyed to the police station.

Subsequent investigation and interviews with witnesses and the suspect revealed that the suspect cut the screen to the rear of the N. Reservoir St. and then broke the window and attempted to force the door open. This caused the alarm to sound, and the subject fled. The suspect then went to the address on the 500 block of E. Orange St. and knocked on the front door, then entered the rear yard.

The below suspect was subsequently charged with Criminal Attempt at Burglary and Possessing Instruments of Crime by Detective Toby Hickey before MDJ Janice Jimenez. He was arraigned and sent to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail:

Luis RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ 39 year-old male
Resident of 200 block S. Marshall St. Lancaster PA 17602



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