



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Barricaded Gunman Arrest

Approximately 1516Hrs, Thursday, 26 JAN 2012 Lancaster County 911 received a call of a subject with a gun inside the Sneaker Villa Store at 45 N. Queen St. in downtown Lancaster and that he was waving the gun around inside the store. Patrol officers from Platoon "C" and detectives responded to the area. Officers set up a perimeter to contain the incident and protect the surrounding downtown businesses. This containment included blocking off main traffic arteries around the downtown area.

Once the incident was contained patrol officers working with Lancaster County 911 dispatchers were able to evacuate the employees from Sneaker Villa leaving the subject by himself in the store. Officers also attempted to keep store owners and patrons away from the front windows of the businesses in the immediate area surrounding the store.

Several attempts were made by negotiators using the phone and PA system to have the subject inside the store surrender to officers outside. The Lancaster County Special Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) was activated to assist in the resolution of the situation. Throughout the incident investigators determined the identity of the subject in the store and that he was continuously coming to the store to speak to a female employee to which he was acquainted. The subject had been told in the past by the store management that he was no longer welcome in the store and the employee no longer wanted anything to do with him.

Negotiators attempted to make contact with the subject for approximately 1 ½ hours with no response from the subject. Officers on the perimeter could see the subject level a handgun and point this gun at them at least twice during the incident. Officers on the perimeter had adequate protection and showed considerable restraint by not shooting the subject. The Lancaster County S.E.R.T. began arriving on scene and taking up positions to assist the patrol officers on scene when the subject finally answered the phone inside the store and agreed to surrender. The subject was taken into custody without further incident and transported to the police station.

Detectives searched the inside of the Sneaker Villa Store and located a hand held drill, with the identifying labels removed, the cord was removed and the drill was painted black and looked like a semi-automatic pistol. The drill was concealed under a clothing display table in the area of the store where the suspect was seen by officers during the incident.



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The subject was identified as:

Angel Santana III, a 27 year old resident of Lancaster. Santana is being held for arraignment at the Lancaster City Police station.

Detective Breault charged Santana with Aggravated Assault (F-2) – 9 Counts; Stalking (M-1); and Defiant Trespass (M-3)

No one was injured during this incident. Once this situation was under control, Lancaster County 911 received a second hand call about a possible bank robbery in progress at the Fulton Bank on Penn Square. Officers and S.E.R.T. members responded to the bank until it was determined that the information received by the person that called 911 was related to the incident at Sneaker Villa and there was no situation at the bank.

All persons accused of a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

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