



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Bicyclist Struck

At 6:57 a.m. March 8, 2011 Lancaster City Police Officers responded to a vehicle crash at N. Broad St. and E. Marion St. involving a car and a bicycle. The preliminary investigation indicates that the bicyclist was travelling east on E. Marion St. riding a 15-speed Huffy mountain bike and failed to stop for a stop sign at N. Broad St. The bicyclist entered into the path of a southbound 2007 Saturn Aura and was struck by the right front corner of this vehicle. The driver of the Saturn stopped immediately and has been interviewed by investigators. Several witnesses to the collision were also interviewed.

The bicyclist sustained numerous serious injuries, to include fractures to both hands and wrists, a fractured femur, a head injury, and possible internal injuries. He was conveyed to Lancaster General Hospital, and then transferred to Hershey Medical Center where he is currently being treated. During an update at 1:10 p.m. medical staff at Hershey Medical Center stated that the victim was stable and is expected to survive.

The bicyclist is identified as:

Thaddaeus YERA 13-year-old male  
Lancaster City resident  
6th grade student, Lincoln Middle School

The driver of the Saturn is identified as:

Latonya WESLEY 40-year-old female  
Lancaster City resident

Due to the serious injuries sustained by the bicyclist, the Lancaster City Police Crash Investigation Team responded to the scene to conduct a full investigation. Sgt. Phil Berkhiser is the lead investigator. Any witnesses to this vehicle accident are asked to contact Sgt. Berkhiser at (717) 735-3300 x3231.

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