



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date: December 8, 2011

Burglary Arrest

SUSPECT / ARREST:

Robert Elmer KIETA
29-year-old male
100 blk. W. Main St.
Leola, PA

On Monday December 5, 2011, at 2:49 a.m., Lancaster County Wide Communications (LCWC) received a call for a Burglary that had just occurred at the Stop & Go convenience store located at 777 New Holland Avenue. A front glass window to the business had been broken, triggering the burglar alarm. A citizen provided a description of a male subject seen leaving the store, getting into an SUV type vehicle, and leaving the scene. LCWC released a "Be On The Lookout" broadcast to other local police jurisdictions regarding the suspect information.

At approximately 3:00 a.m. East Lampeter Township Police Officer Sanger stopped a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description in the 200 blk. of W. Main St., Leola. Officer Sanger advised that the male subject driving the vehicle had blood on his hand. The driver of the SUV was identified as Robert Elmer KIETA.

Lt. James Carpenter from the Lancaster City Police responded to the vehicle stop in Leola. Lt. Carpeneter and E. Lampeter officers noticed shards of safety glass and a hammer on the back floor of the SUV. A black backpack was laying on the floor of the front passenger side.

Lt. Carpenter returned to the Stop and Go store and viewed surveillance video of the burglary. Lt. Carpenter recognized that the subject in the video fit the description of the male subject stopped by Officer Sanger. The video also showed the burglar in possession of a black backpack. KIETA was arrested and conveyed to the Lancaster City Police Station. KIETA's vehicle was also conveyed to the Lancaster Police Station.

Lancaster City Police obtained a search warrant for the suspect's vehicle and seized evidence including a hammer and a black backpack containing 63 various packets of male enhancers valued at a total of \$1,125.00 dollars. It was determined that these items had been stolen from the Stop and Go store.

KIETA was charged with one count of Burglary by Det. George Bonilla before MDJ Janice Jimenez. KIETA was arraigned and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$200,000.00 bail.

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



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