



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Christy Smith Statutory Sex Assault

ARRESTED: SMITH, Christy L.; 32 years of age
Resident of the 700 block of College Ave. Lancaster
Employed as an English teacher at McCaskey H.S.
Photo is available with Desk Sergeant at LPD

The Lancaster City Police have charged Christy SMITH, a 32 years of age Lancaster resident with multiple felony offenses for sexual contact SMITH had with a student. The student was only 15 at the time of the contact. Smith was charged with three (3) counts of Statutory Sexual Assault (F-2), six (6) counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse (F-1), three (3) counts of Unlawful Contact with Minor (F-1) and three (3) counts of Corruption of Minors (M-1) following a nine month investigation.

Statutory Sexual Assault occurs when an adult engages in sexual intercourse with a compliant juvenile who is under the age of 16 years and the adult is four or more years older than the juvenile.

SMITH was charged by Detective Aaron Harnish before MDJ Bruce Roth. SMITH was arraigned on these charges earlier today, and was committed to Lancaster County Prison by MDJ Roth in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

The Lancaster Police received information on January 06, 2010 via the Bureau's website tip line. This tip indicated that a boy who was 16 years of age (on date of the tip) had disclosed to a family member that his English teacher from McCaskey High School, Christy Smith dob:5-20-78 had sexual relations with him. Detectives initiated an investigation that continued through today. This is the beginning of the prosecution of SMITH, the investigation of her continues.

The juvenile was forensically interviewed on August 26th 2010, at the Lancaster County Children's Alliance. During this interview, the juvenile disclosed that the SMITH had repeated sexual contact with him.

The juvenile was interviewed again on September 1st, 2010 by Detective Aaron Harnish at the Lancaster Police Station. During this interview, the juvenile stated that between November 2008 and January 2009 the SMITH engaged in sexual intercourse with him on at least three occasions. The juvenile was 15 – 16 years of age at the time of these offenses.

The juvenile further stated that during that same time frame the SMITH performed oral sex on him and SMITH had him perform oral sex on her on at least three occasions. The juvenile also stated that he communicated with SMITH over the telephone and computer and that all of these incidents took place inside Smith's apartment located in the 700 block of College Avenue Lancaster.



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Assistant District Attorney Karen Mansfield, the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit supervisor within the District Attorneys Office provided guidance and direction throughout this investigation.

Lancaster Police will work with the School District of Lancaster to determine if SMITH had criminal contact with any other students or juveniles. Police request that families call Detective Harnish if they have concern their child may have had an inappropriate relationship with SMITH.

All detectives assigned to the Special Investigations Unit assisted in serving multiple search warrants related to this investigation. Those warrants have been sealed. Lancaster Police request that should the media learn identifiers of the victim, such as initials of his name or birth date that they refrain from publishing the information as the victim is a juvenile victim of a sex crime.

Anyone with information regarding the background or activities of SMITH is asked to call the Detective Harnish with the Lancaster City Police at 735-3350. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

SMITH is presumed innocent of criminal charges until proven guilty in a court of law.

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