



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Corruption of Minors

#### ORIGINAL RELEASE:

On October 7, 2010 the Lancaster City Bureau of Police received information that the below subject, Christy L. SMITH had engaged in sexual activities with a 17 year-old male. On October 18th Lancaster City Police Detectives interviewed this juvenile and learned that SMITH had engaged in sexual intercourse and oral sex with him on numerous occasions between December 2009 and April 2010. These acts all occurred in SMITH's apartment in Lancaster City. The victim in this case was not a student at the school where SMITH was employed as a teacher.

Charged was: Christy L. SMITH 32 year-old female  
717 College Ave. Apt. 3, Lancaster

SMITH was charged with one count of Corruption of Minors (M-1) by Detective Aaron Harnish. SMITH has been incarcerated at the Lancaster County Prison since October 8, 2010. She will be arraigned on this charge at a later date.

It is the concern of the Lancaster City Police that there may be additional victims who had contact with SMITH. Anyone with any information concerning these or any other incidents are urged to call Detective Aaron Harnish at (717) 735-3350.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

During the initial investigation of the above crime, detectives learned that the defendant, Christy L. Smith, may have taken sexually explicit photographs of the victim during the sexual encounters at Smith's apartment. Investigators seized a cellular phone and a laptop computer from Smith's apartment. Based on the results of forensic analysis conducted on Smith's cell phone and computer, Smith has been charged with eight (8) counts of Sexual Abuse of Children (Possession of Child Pornography) by Det. Aaron Harnish before MDJ Bruce Roth.

All persons accused of a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty. The Lancaster City Police Bureau



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requests that the identity of any victims or witnesses in these cases be protected.

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