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## Press Release

### Fight and Shots Fired

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On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 17th, Officer Willard Smith Jr.(JP McCaskey School Resource Officer) received information about a possible fight that was to take place after early school dismissal. As a result, he contacted Sgt. J. Donald Shaeffer Jr.(Platoon D Street Sergeant, under the command of Lt. Brent Oberholtzer), who in turn was able to mobilize a contingent of Officers to patrol the area of North Franklin St, where the fight or fights were to take place.

While the Officers were in the area dispersing several groups, a fight broke out in the area of 700 Blk N. Franklin St and shots were fired during this fight. As Officers converged on this area and the two groups involved in the fight began to disperse, three individuals were stopped as they walked south on Marshall St and turned on to New Holland Ave. At the same time, Sgt. Shaeffer and Off. Smith observed two individuals walking west on 500 Blk Reynolds Ave, at which time, one of these individuals(a 17 year old Wabank Rd teenager) was seen throwing a handgun towards bushes adjacent to a home in 500 Blk Reynolds Ave. Both of these teenagers were then stopped by the Officers.

As the Officers checked the three teenagers stopped on New Holland Ave, they found one of these youths(a 17 year old Fulton St teenager) to be carrying a handgun as well. Detectives also responded to the scene, witnesses were interviewed, identifications were made and as a result, all five teenagers(a 16 year old, three 17 year olds and an 18 year old) were subsequently arrested and conveyed to the police station where they are currently being interviewed by investigators.

At this point, it has been determined that this was a fight between the two groups of teenagers and during this fight, one of the teenagers pulled a handgun and fired it multiple times in the air, but fortunately no one was struck. Recovered as a result of these arrests were two handguns, the one being a two shot .22 caliber Rohm Derringer and the other being an H&R .22 caliber revolver with an obliterated serial number.

As a result of the investigation conducted thus far, Off. Smith is charging the one juvenile with 3 Counts of Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act(Persons not to possess, use manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, F-2; Firearms not to be carried without a license, F-3 and Possession of a Firearm by a minor, M-1); Recklessly Endanger Another Person(M-2) and a Lancaster City Ordinance Violation for Discharging a Firearm in the city. The other juvenile is being charged with 3 Counts of Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act(Firearms not to be carried without a License; Possession of a Firearm by a Minor and Possession of a Firearm with an altered manufacturer's number). All of these charges being filed by Off. Smith in an allegation to probation. The investigation into this incident is continuing as to the possibility of additional charges being filed and/or the potential involvement of others. Anyone with information relative to this is asked to call the Lancaster City



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