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39 West Chestnut Street
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Press Release

Firearms Charges Filed In Homicide

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Shortly before 11:25 am, Wednesday, July 30th Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to the area of Green St and Penn Ave for a report of a shooting and then a victim down in front of a residence in 200 Blk Green St. Sgt. Mark Heiser and other Officers arrived and found the victim, Curtis Howard, 19, suffering from an obvious gunshot wound. The victim was conveyed to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Detectives then processed the crime scene and among other evidence, located and recovered three spent shell casings. An autopsy was performed on the victim on 31 July 08 and the cause of death was determined to be a single gunshot wound.

The investigation into this Homicide then continued through that night and over the next several days, as Detectives interviewed a number of witnesses and collected evidence. Several residents came forward with information that they had about the shooting. During the initial three days of this investigation, the below individual was developed as a suspect in the shooting....

Carlos Oyola, 19
200 Blk Juniata St.
Lancaster, Pa.

On Saturday afternoon, August 2nd, the above subject voluntarily came to the police station, where he was interviewed by Det. Bill Breault and Nate Nickel. During the interview, he stated that he had been walking north on Penn Ave with two other people, that they were confronted by another group of people, that he had been concealing a semi-automatic handgun in his waist, that he removed the gun and fired it three or four times, striking the victim, subsequently causing his death. He stated that he then ran from the scene.

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At this point, due to the circumstances surrounding the shooting and the fact that this is an on going investigation, Carlos Oyola was charged with Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act(Firearms not to be carried without a License) by Det. Breault before Magisterial District Judge Kelly Ballentine. Oyola was detained and arraigned on 03 Aug 2008 by on call Magisterial District Judge Mary Sponaugle, and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$100,000(10%) bail. Following his commitment, Oyola posted bail and was released from LCP. The investigation into this shooting will continue and investigators will consult with the District Attorney's Office to determine if additional charges are to be filed in the future.

Due to the fact that this investigation is very active and on going, anyone with information relative to this shooting is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide



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