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Gun & Drug Arrest After Shooting

Shortly before midnight, Wednesday night into Thursday morning(7-8 Dec 11), Officers from the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to a residence in the 400 Blk Reynolds Ave for a report of a shooting. While Officers were enroute to this residence, updated information was received that the person who was shot, was on the front porch of the residence. Off. Justin Miller arrived and observed a large amount of blood on the front porch of the residence and also observed that the front door was off its hinges, with what appeared to be a bullet hole in the door jam. After the arrival of additional Officers, the residence was checked to assure that no one inside was injured or in need of assistance.

During this time, it was also learned that the person who was shot had left the area in a private vehicle, which was last seen traveling in the direction of Lancaster General Hospital. Shortly after this, dispatchers related that an individual had just arrived at the hospital with a gunshot wound. Officers responded to the hospital and this person was identified as.....

Ardarrius Laguan Williams, 34
400 Blk Reynolds Ave
Lancaster, Pa.

It was determined that Williams was suffering from a gunshot wound to the arm/chest area. Detectives also responded to the scene of the reported shooting and spoke to witnesses. It was learned that Williams' wife and two minor children(13 and 5 yrs old) were in the residence when this shooting took place. Preliminarily, it was learned that there had been a knock at the door and upon Williams going to the door to answer it, he was shot by a suspect or suspects, who subsequently fled the residence.

As Detectives began to process the shooting crime scene, a quantity of what appeared to be Marijuana and at least one firearm were observed in plain view. As a result, after consultation with the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, two separate Search Warrants for the residence were then obtained and served in the morning.

As a result of the search, Police recovered the following items....



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1. Approximately 20 pounds of Marijuana packaged in bulk form, as well as packaging materials used for the shipping of this Marijuana.
2. Nearly \$15,000.00 in Cash.
3. A .22 caliber semi-automatic handgun that had been reported stolen to the East Hempfield Police Department in March of 2011.
4. A 9mm semi-automatic handgun that had been reported stolen to the E. Lampeter Twp Police Department in September 2009.
5. A 9mm machine pistol with an extended barrel and high capacity Magazine.
6. Drug Paraphernalia commonly used in the packaging of drugs for Distribution.

As a result of the investigation, Detective Bill Breault charged Williams with 3 Counts of Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act—Persons not to possess, use manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms(F-2); 2 Counts of Receiving Stolen Property(F-2); Possession With Intent to Deliver Marijuana(Felony) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia(Misd) before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez. He was discharged from the hospital on the afternoon of 9 Dec 11, at which point he was transported to the Police Station, booked and held pending arraignment.

The investigation into this incident, including the shooting that led to it, is continuing and anyone with information is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3000. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.



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