



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Homicide Arson investigation

At 5:36 a.m. Dec. 6, 2010 County dispatchers informed Lancaster Fire and Police Departments of a building fire at 14 N. Plum St., a single family dwelling. Upon arrival, fire responders found a working fire, and several residents of the home who had jumped or fallen from windows or were assisted from the roof by neighbors. An adult male and three children were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Fire personnel located a deceased adult in the residence. Lancaster Detectives are investigating the death and fire. The Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshall and Lancaster County District Attorney's Office have been notified and are assisting Lancaster Police.

At time of release, the cause of the adult's death has not been determined and the adult has not been identified. The cause of the fire has also not been determined. Detectives seek to speak with anyone who may have information regarding the fire this morning.

Further information will be released when it is available.

Update to Release: released at 1740 Hrs., 06 Dec 2010

The Lancaster Police are still intensively investigating the fire scene at 14 N. Plum St. with the assistance of the PA State Police Fire Marshall, and Lancaster County Detectives. Lancaster Police have all detectives working on this crime, and are investigating the death as a homicide and the fire as arson.

Lancaster Police emphasize that there has not been an autopsy, and expect that medical exam to occur tomorrow. Investigators are still processing the fire scene at time of the release.

There were five persons in the residence at the time of the fire. An adult male and three children escaped the fire. The adult and a 13 year old boy were treated for injuries at a local hospital and released. Two girls, ages 8 and 9, were admitted to out of County Hospitals and are in critical condition.

At this time, investigators feel that there is neither a concern to the general public nor feel that the fire was caused by a random arsonist. Investigators do not feel it is a random crime, and are not commenting further.

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