



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide investigation update

On 16 April 2011, at approx. 12:51 am, Officers from the Lancaster City Bureau of Police were dispatched to the 1st block of Old Dorwart Street for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived in the area and discovered a female victim inside 26 Old Dorwart Street, who had been shot. The victim was taken to Lancaster General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead a short time later. The victim is a 33 year old female, who is a resident of Lancaster City. The identity of the victim is being withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

Detectives were notified and are in the process of interviewing witnesses and processing the crime scene. The investigation is in the very early stages at this time, however this does not appear to be a random act of violence. Police are asking that anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names and may remain anonymous.

This investigation is still on-going and to help ensure the safety of potential witnesses, the Police respectfully request that the media do not publish any information with regards to any Witnesses involved in this investigation.

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police has identified the female who was shot and killed at 26 Old Dorwart Street, earlier this morning. The victim has been identified as 33 year old, Diana Spencer, of Lancaster. Investigators are continuing the investigation into Spencer's death and have been interviewing witnesses throughout the day. Anyone with information about Diana Spencer's death is asked to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers are reminded that they do not have to give their names and may remain anonymous.

UPDATED INFORMATION AS OF 17 APRIL 2011

The Lancaster City Police continue to investigate the shooting death of Diana Spencer, with the assistance of the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office and County Detectives. Investigators are following up on information received from tips, as well as other interviews. Investigators have also been in contact with the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition and are reviewing footage from cameras in the area. As a result of the investigation thus far, investigators have developed descriptions of two suspects believed to be involved in the death of Spencer. City Police Detectives are attempting to identify the following suspects:

Suspect #1 – an unknown male, possibly black or having a dark complexion



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Approx. 20-30 years old
Short, dark afro-style haircut, thin build
Dark colored jacket or sweatshirt, baggie jeans

Suspect #2 - an unknown male, possibly black or having a dark complexion
Approx. 20-30 years old
Medium build, approx. 5'9" tall
Dark colored hooded sweatshirt, baggie jeans

Investigators are requesting that anyone who may have seen the suspects in the area of Old Dorwart Street or around the time of the homicide to please contact the City Police Detectives. The Lancaster City Police are still seeking additional information in the case and remind anyone with information to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names and may remain anonymous.

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