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Identification of Homicide Victim

PREVIOUSLY RELEASED INFORMATION:

At 2:30 a.m., July 8, 2011, Lancaster City Police were dispatched to 753 Marietta Ave., 1st floor apartment, for a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers spoke to an adult female and two adult males, all residents of this address. These individuals led police to an adult female inside the apartment who was determined to be deceased. The victim has not yet been identified. The three individuals who were at the residence when police arrived were transported to the police station and are currently being interviewed.

Criminal investigators were notified and are currently at the scene. Investigators are preparing for forensic processing of the scene. The Lancaster County Coroner has been notified and will be assisting police in determining the cause and manner of death of the female victim.

INFORMATION ON ARREST:

As a result of the investigation into this death, including interviews of the above female and two males, it was determined that this was, in fact a Homicide. One of these males was identified as.....

Pablo Ansurez Sanchez, 26
753 Marietta Ave, Apt. #1
Lancaster, Pa.

It was determined that Sanchez and this unidentified female were in the basement of this apartment together and became involved in a disturbance, during which time Sanchez began to assault the female, which included grabbing the female around the chest and neck and choking her until her body went limp and she became unresponsive. Shortly after this took place, another person or persons inside the residence called 911 and all three individuals (the female and two males) were conveyed to the Police Station, where they were interviewed by detectives throughout the day on 8 July 11, which formed the basis for these charges.

Detectives also interviewed neighbors and are currently still processing the crime scene as this investigation is



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ongoing. Detectives are also investigating the identity of this deceased female. When she is identified, next of kin have been notified and it is appropriate to do so, this information will be released. However, her identity at this time is not known.

As a result of this investigation, Detective Donald Morant charged Pablo Ansurez Sanchez with Criminal Homicide(F-1) before Magisterial District Judge Bruch Roth and he was held for arraignment. MDJ Roth then arraigned Sanchez on these charges at 5:40 pm today and he was committed to Lancaster County Prison without bail. Lancaster City Police were assisted in this investigation by the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, as well as the Lancaster County Coroner's Office. Anyone with additional information relative to this is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

UPDATE ON IDENTIFICATION OF VICTIM

On 11 July 2011, Detectives from the Lancaster City Police confirmed the identity of the female victim, found inside 753 Marietta Ave. The victim has been positively identified as Patricia Ann CROUSE, a 39 year old Lancaster female. The release of this information was delayed pending identification of the victim and notification of next of kin, which occurred a short time ago.

As in all cases, this defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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