



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Incident at McCaskey East

Early Friday morning, February 25, 2011, the front desk operator at the Lancaster City Police station received an anonymous call from a female regarding a possible shooting that was to occur today at McCaskey East. This information was very vague and limited. As a precaution, School District of Lancaster officials were notified and numerous Lancaster City Police Officers and Detectives were assigned to patrol the McCaskey East campus, both inside and outside the school. Detectives and School Resource officers also began an investigation to determine the source and validity of the information. At 8:00 a.m., school officials received additional information that there may be a subject with a gun inside the school. Almost simultaneously, there was a disturbance in a classroom in the form of a loud verbal argument between two male students, prompting teachers to call police dispatch. These two students were not arrested or charged with any crime.

Police and school officials responded by placing the school in lock down and conducting a weapons sweep. The sweep was concluded at approximately 10:30 a.m. and the lock down was lifted. During the weapons sweep, the below three students were taken into custody for items found in their possession. These three students were not involved in the verbal argument, nor is there any indication they were connected to the information received regarding the possible shooting / gun. They are:

- 1.) Felix DeJesus 18 year-old male, city resident  
Charged with: Possession of a Weapon on School Property  
(DeJesus had a pocket knife in his possession while on school property.)
- 2.) Stephen Anderson 18 year-old male, city resident  
Charged with: Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana

DeJesus and Anderson were released and will be summoned to appear in court on these charges.

- 3.) A 17 year-old male, city resident  
(This juvenile had a pocket knife in his possession while on school property. He was released



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without charges and will be referred to the Youth Aid Panel.)

During the weapons sweep, police located a pellet gun and a stun gun hidden in a classroom. At this time there is no indication that these items were related to the initial information received regarding the potential shooting. An investigation is ongoing to determine who placed these items in the classroom.

Following an intensive investigation, it was determined that the original anonymous call received by the front desk operator was the end result of a series of communications between numerous people. The information regarding a possible shooting stemmed from a recent altercation between two groups of teens, and this information was distorted as it was passed along. There were no firearms located during the weapons sweep at McCaskey East and there is no indication that any firearms were brought onto school property.

Police and school officials are continuing their investigation regarding today's events at McCaskey East. Anyone with additional information should contact Lancaster City Police at (717) 735-3300. Callers may remain anonymous.

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