



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Indecent Assaults near McCaskey HS

As a supplement to information previously released by our department, the Lancaster City Police are now currently investigating a total of seven different instances of indecent assaults or attempted assaults, which have occurred in the vicinity of McCaskey High School, in which a suspect grabbed or attempted to grab teenage girls. An eighth incident occurred in the area of Queen St. and Farnum St. on 02 Feb. 2010 at approx. 3:50 PM. It is uncertain if this incident is related to the incidents that occurred in the McCaskey area.

Several of these incidents were reported to police after the initial news release was sent on 01 Feb. 2010. In order to clarify, the below timeline details the dates / times / locations that the assaults occurred:

1. 1/05/10, 7:15 PM, 100 blk. N. Reservoir St. (reported on 1/18/10)
2. 1/12/10, 7:15 PM, 700 blk. N. Franklin St. (*)
3. 1/25/10, 7:45 AM, 800 blk. E. Madison St. (*)
4. 1/26/10, 4:30 PM, 500 blk. E. Frederick St. (*)
5. 2/01/10, 7:05 AM, 500 blk. E. Orange St. (reported on 2/2/10)
6. 2/01/10, 7:35 AM, 300 blk. N. Reservoir St. (*)
7. 2/02/10, 8:00 AM, 300 blk. N. Franklin St. (reported 2/5/10)
8. 2/02/10, 3:50 PM, Queen St. and Farnum St. (reported 2/3/10)

(*) Incidents listed in prior news release.

The suspect in these incidents is described as a light to medium complexion male, late teens to early 20's, possibly Hispanic, 5'6" – 5'8" tall, thin build, and wearing a black puffy jacket and pajama pants and, in some incidents, jeans.

Attached are still photos obtained from a Lancaster Community Safety Coalition video camera. The individual shown in the photos is considered a person of interest in this investigation, as he was seen walking in the area of one of the reported assaults close to the time that the incident occurred.

Lancaster City Police are requesting assistance from the public in identifying this person. Anyone who can identify the person in the video is asked to contact Detective Aaron Harnish at (717) 735-3350, or the Lancaster City Police at (717) 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.



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DUE TO THE LARGE SIZE OF THE VIDEO FILE, WE ARE UNABLE TO SEND THE ENTIRE VIDEO VIA E-MAIL. COPIES OF THE VIDEO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE POLICE STATION.

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