



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Contact Number: 717- 735-3300

Date: July 22, 2011

Injured Person

Victim: 45-year-old male
Inmate at Lancaster County Prison

At 8:20 a.m., July 21, 2011 Lancaster City Police were dispatched to Lancaster County Prison, 625 E. King St. for a report of a person injured in a fall. Upon arrival, medical personnel were on-scene tending to the victim, who had apparently jumped from the upper tier of a cell block in the inmate housing area. The victim fell approximately 13 feet and sustained very serious injuries. He was transported by ambulance to Lancaster General Hospital where he remains in extremely critical condition.

Lancaster City Police were notified per Lancaster County Prison protocol. Lancaster City Police detectives responded to the scene and are investigating this incident. Information gathered during the preliminary investigation indicates that the victim deliberately jumped from the upper tier of the cell block. The Lancaster County Prison Board has also been notified. The investigation is continuing, and further details will be released as soon as practical.

The victim's name is being withheld pending notification of family members.

UPDATED INFORMATION – JULY 22, 2011:

Victim: Matthew McNamara
Springfield, Delaware County PA
(also lists address in New Holland, PA)

McNAMARA remains in extremely critical condition at Lancaster General Hospital. McNAMARA has been incarcerated at Lancaster County Prison since July 14, 2011 on charges relating to a fatal vehicle crash that occurred on July 13, 2011 in Caernarvon Township.

The investigation into this incident is continuing, being led by Lancaster City Police Detective Michael



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Gerace. All information continues to indicate that the victim deliberately jumped from the upper tier of the cell block. The victim and other inmates were in a common area on the ground floor of the cell block at a time when they were authorized to be out of their cells. The victim walked up a flight of stairs to the upper tier, climbed over a railing, and immediately dove off. This account is consistent with surveillance video footage obtained from the prison.

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