



**LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Inmate Death Investigation**

5:47 PM, September 28, 2011 Lancaster City Police responded to the Lancaster County Prison, 625 E. King St. for a death investigation. Prison officials stated that at approximately 5:42 PM prison staff discovered a 26-year-old male inmate hanging in his cell. Prison staff immediately attempted to resuscitate the victim and notified Emergency Medical Services. EMS and Lancaster Fire Rescue responded and also attempted to resuscitate the inmate. Their efforts were unsuccessful and the inmate was declared dead at the scene. Lancaster City Police Detectives and the Lancaster County Coroner responded to the prison and are conducting an ongoing investigation. An autopsy was conducted this morning. This incident is being investigated as an apparent suicide.

The identity of the victim is:

Ronald Andrew Snyder Jr.  
26 years old

Snyder had been committed to Lancaster County Prison on September 27, 2011.

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