



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Intimidation of Witness

On Thursday, February 3rd, 2011, between 1:30 – 2:30 a.m. two assaults occurred inside “Gusto” a licensed drinking establishment located at 335 N. Queen St. During the assaults, a male subject violently assaulted two victims, a 27-year-old male and a 27-year-old female. The employees of Gusto removed the male victim from the premises while this subject was in obvious need of medical treatment. The female victim and a male witness requested that the employees of Gusto immediately contact Law Enforcement Officials, as they wanted to report the assault and pursue prosecution against the suspect.

A 45-year-old male employee of Gusto confronted the victim and witness after the assault and told them that the police would not be called because doing so would “ruin it for everyone else.” This employee then offered the victim and witness free drinks, telling them to calm down and relax. The female victim declined this offer of a free drink, and told the employee she wanted to check on the condition of her friend who had been assaulted and thrown out of the bar. Another employee of the establishment would not let the victim leave on two attempts by her to exit.

According to Pennsylvania Law, it is a crime (Intimidation of Witnesses or Victims) for any person to obstruct, prevent, impede, or interfere with a criminal investigation by intimidating or attempting to intimidate any victim or witness from reporting a crime, to include offering any pecuniary or other benefit to the victim or witness. The grading of this crime is related to the grading of the actual crime being reported. As a result of the earlier investigation, a felony charge of Aggravated Assault was filed against the subject who committed the assaults on February 3rd, 2011.

As a result of this on-going investigation, Det. Bill Breault charged the below individual with one count of Intimidation of Witnesses or Victims (Felony – 1st degree):

Nicholas Andrew KARPOUZIS 45-year-old male  
LKA: 600 blk. Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

A warrant was issued by MDJ Janice Jimenez and KARPOUZIS was arrested without incident on March 11, 2011. He was arraigned on the morning of March 12th and committed to Lancaster County Prison on \$50,000.00 bail. KARPOUZIS posted bail later that day and has been released pending a preliminary hearing.



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All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court. This investigation is still on-going into other aspects of the incident and the Police respectfully request that the media do not publish any information with regards to any of the Victims or Witnesses involved in this investigation.

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