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Kidnapping and Gun Arrests

On Saturday, 02 Apr 11 at approximately 1630 hours, members of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police Patrol Division responded to the area of the 1st block of Howard Avenue for what was originally reported as a drug complaint.

While Officers were in route to the area, Lancaster County Wide Communications (LCWC) provided updated information that the caller, who was later identified as Ronald Johnson Jr., had stated that a female was being held against her will at gunpoint inside of a vehicle connected with the drug complaint.

Police located the vehicle and stopped it without incident in the 1st block of Howard Avenue. The occupants of the vehicle were detained while Patrol Officers spoke with Johnson and located the Victim, a 21 year old Lancaster city woman, who had managed to escape from the vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle were subsequently arrested. During the course of the investigation, a .44 magnum revolver was located inside the vehicle, which was later found to have been reported stolen in Elkton, MD.

The Following Vehicle Occupants were Arrested and Charged:

Chazz Martel MORRIS 21 year old male
Resident of Philadelphia
Charged with one count of Kidnapping (F-1)

Ramon RIVERA 26 year old male
Resident of the 700 block of S. Franklin Street, Lancaster
Charged with one count of Kidnapping (F-1)

Malik Sabree BROWN 21 year old male
Resident of the Frenchtown/Newark, DE area
Charged with Persons Not To Possess, Use, Manufacture, Control, Sell or Transfer
Firearms (F-2)
Firearms Not To Be Carried Without a License (F-3)



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An additional charge of Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm) will be brought by Police

During the ensuing criminal investigation by City Police Detectives, which continued throughout the night, it was learned that Ronald Johnson, Jr. had outstanding felony drug warrants through the PA State Police Lancaster Barracks. A search of Johnson subsequent to his arrest on the warrants revealed him to be in possession of a quantity of Crack Cocaine and Marijuana.

Also Arrested and Charged was:

Ronald Edmond JOHNSON Jr. 23 year old male

Resident of the 100 block of Locust Street, Lancaster

Charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Crack Cocaine (Felony) and Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana (Felony)

Arraigned on three felony warrants (drug related)

All four subjects were arraigned and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of bail.

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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