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Press Release

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Shortly before 12:15 am, Wednesday, November 19th, two Lancaster City Police Officers had been involved in the stop of a vehicle, which occurred in a parking lot on the west side of the 1st Blk S. Mary St, just south of King St. As the two uniformed officers approached this vehicle and made contact with the driver, a handgun could be seen in the driver's right front pants pocket. The driver refused repeated commands by the Officers to keep his hands in view and on the steering wheel of the vehicle. Instead, the driver repeatedly reached towards the area of his right front pants pocket, where the gun could be seen.

Officers then removed the driver from the vehicle and upon attempting to take him into custody and recover the handgun, the driver fled from the two officers on foot, out of the parking lot and south on Mary St. During the foot pursuit, the driver repeatedly reached towards the area of his right front pants pocket and then fell in the area of Filbert and Mary Sts, still refusing repeated commands to cease and show the Officers his hands, both during the foot pursuit and after falling to the pavement. As the suspect continued to reach towards this pocket, refused the police commands and turned towards the officers, both officers fired their duty weapons, striking him multiple times. The handgun, which had been possessed by the suspect was found at the scene, near where he was shot.

Additional officers also responded to the scene, rendered aid to the suspect and then conveyed him to a local hospital in a police vehicle, where he was taken into surgery. Both Officers were also conveyed to the police station, where they were interviewed by investigative division supervisors and detectives processed the scene, to include the suspect's vehicle.

In addition to the handgun, a quantity of what appears to be a controlled substance was found in the suspect's possession. The District Attorney's Office was notified and it is expected that firearms and/or drug charges will be forthcoming against the suspect.

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