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Pursuit of Robbery Suspects, Arrests

At approx. 4:30 PM on 24 May 2010, Lancaster City Police Officers were advised by County Radio to be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a robbery in East Hempfield. Several minutes later, Off. Kirk Wolfe, LCPD, observed this vehicle eastbound in the 300 block of E. King Street. Off. Wolfe attempted to stop this vehicle at Franklin and New Dauphin however the vehicle fled from him.

The pursuit went through the SE area of Lancaster City and then south on Duke Street where the suspect vehicle then turned to proceed onto Pitney Road. At E. King Street and Pitney Road, the suspect vehicle almost hit a person on a bicycle.

The suspect vehicle then turned into the Conestoga Pines Pool lot located off Pitney Road and drove right at responding officers, forcing Off. Joseph Graczyk off the road. The suspect vehicle swerved and struck the front of a cruiser being driven by Off. Juanita Martinez-Bender. The suspect vehicle was stopped and found to have two occupants. Witnesses from the robbery were brought to the scene and the suspects were taken into custody.

Off. Martinez-Bender, 44 years old, suffered a neck injury and she was taken to Lancaster General Hospital where she was treated and released.

Lancaster City PD are working with East Hempfield PD to further this investigation. Any persons with information on this incident are requested to contact either department.

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