



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Recent Increase of Vehicle Thefts

At approximately 2108hrs. on Friday, 2 July 2010 Officer Tom Ginder, Lancaster City Police Department, observed a green 1997 Saturn being driven in the southwest section of Lancaster City with what appeared to be an expired license plate. He learned very quickly after checking the vehicle's license plate through PennDOT that it actually had been reported stolen earlier in the day to the Allentown Police department.

Arrested without incident and charged were:

Daniel TORRES-FIGUEROA; 18 years old (driver)  
S. Franklin St address.,  
Lancaster, PA.

Theft by Unlawful taking (F-3), Criminal Conspiracy (F3), Receiving stolen Property (F-3) Criminal Conspiracy (F-3) Corruption of Minors (M-1) (2cts) Driving During Suspension.

Brittany Marie CARPENTER; 18 years old  
E. Filbert St. address,  
Lancaster, PA.

Theft by Unlawful Taking (F-3), Criminal Conspiracy (F-3), Receiving Stolen Property (F-3), Criminal Conspiracy (F-3) Corruption of Minors (M-1) (2cts), Theft From Motor Vehicle (M-1)

While Detectives from Lancaster's Auto Theft Unit were conducting interviews of the above suspects Allentown Police Department reported they had also located a stolen green 1995 Ford Taurus that had been stolen on Monday, 28 June 2010 from Lancaster City.

With the recent decline of Auto Thefts in Lancaster City this seemed too great of a coincidence. A reported stolen vehicle from the Lancaster City area had been located unoccupied in Allentown while a stolen vehicle from the Allentown area was located by Officer Ginder in Lancaster City with the above suspects and ALL were from Lancaster City.

Eventually, the investigation revealed the above suspects were involved in both thefts along with a 15 year old juvenile. Daniel TORRES and Brittany CARPENTER allegedly encouraged the 15 year old to steal the green



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Saturn as it was left running by it's owner at a gas station in Allentown. It was also revealed the Lancaster Vehicle owner had left her vehicle keys accessible and in her car.

Also arrested and charged was:

15 year old juvenile from Newark, New Jersey

Receiving Stolen Property (F-3) and Criminal Conspiracy (F-3)

Lancaster City Police would like to remind vehicle owners not to leave their vehicle keys in their cars or allow their vehicles to remain running and unattended after they enter a convenience store.

While this is typical behavior during the winter months and is probably done to keep the vehicle "warmed up" these types of bad habits can carry over into the summer months. It gives a criminal an opportunity to steal a car when it otherwise may not have happened.

Periodically, Lancaster's Auto Theft Unit has conducted details enforcing the Ordinance prohibiting anyone from allowing their car to run unattended or to leave vehicle keys in their car's ignition. No matter what the season anyone leaving their keys in the ignition of a vehicle and unattended can be cited under Lancaster City's Codified Ordinance (Reference "Keys in Locks, section 285-105")

Earlier in the week another Vehicle Theft was reported.

On Tuesday, 29 June 2010 East Lampeter Township Police reported the theft of 1999 Chevrolet work van that was white with two attached ladders. This Vehicle Theft was broadcast to police throughout the Lancaster area. Officer Todd Dickinson, Lancaster City Police Department, first observed the vehicle in the 600blk of South Queen Street a few hours after the broadcast. The work van was occupied by the following two suspects who attempted to elude police but were quickly captured a short distance away without incident.

Arrested and charged in this Vehicle Theft by Lancaster's Auto Theft Unit were:

Anthony Lee SUMNER; 31 years old

Homeless

Receiving Stolen Property (F-3) and Driving while Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked

Poppy Eugene Taylor; 19 year old



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Receiving Stolen Property

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