



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

City of Lancaster  
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Date: March 22, 2011

### Robbery Arrest

At 1:19 a.m. March 19, 2011, Lancaster City Police Officers were dispatched to 170 E. King St. (The Golden Eagle Tavern) for an armed robbery in progress. Off. Christopher McCormick arrived at the location and observed a male subject, later identified as Erick SALOME-CHEVERE, 19-year-old male, kicking an outside of the door of the tavern and demanding that it be opened. Off. McCormick observed the subject was holding a gun in his hand. Off. McCormick ordered SALOME-CHEVERE to get on the ground, but he immediately fled, running east across S. Lime St. SALOME-CHEVERE ran into a vehicle that was stopped on S. Lime St and dropped the handgun, and also dropped a second handgun onto the ground.

Off. McCormick continued chasing SALOME-CHEVERE as several other officers converged into the area. SALOME-CHEVERE ran into a street sign and fell to the ground, got up, and continued running east on King St. After a brief foot chase, SALOME-CHEVERE turned to face the pursuing Off. McCormick, who again ordered SALOME-CHEVERE to get on the ground. SALOME-CHEVERE did not comply and Off. McCormick deployed his Taser, incapacitating SALOME-CHEVERE. Additional responding officers were able to take SALOME-CHEVERE into custody without further incident.

Officers contacted the victim, a female employee, who stated that the suspect approached the take-out window on the Lime St. side of the business, displayed a handgun and demanded money from her. The employee immediately slammed the inside door shut and called 911. The suspect then went to another door on the Lime St. side and began kicking this door, attempting to force it open. This is when / where the suspect was observed by Off. McCormick. The victim was later transported to the location where SALOME-CHEVERE was detained and identified him as the subject who had attempted to rob her.

Officers also located both handguns that SALOME-CHEVERE dropped, and discovered they were BB guns, one of which was a replica of a Smith and Wesson M&P .40 caliber firearm. SALOME-CHEVERE also had a small baggie containing two grams of cocaine in his possession.

SALOME-CHEVERE was charged with Robbery, Possessing Instruments of Crime (2 counts), and Possession of a Controlled Substance before MDJ Kelley Ballentine. He was arraigned later that morning and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$100,000.00 bail. SALOME-CHEVERE resides in the 700 blk. of Stevens Ave., Lancaster.



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All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court. The Lancaster City 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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