



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

City of Lancaster  
Bureau of Police, 39 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603  
[www.lancasterpolice.com](http://www.lancasterpolice.com)

Author: Det. Lt. Schmidt

Contact Number: (717) 735-3300

Date: August 22, 2009

### Robbery Arrest (Rite Aid Pharmacy)

At 1042 Hrs (10:42am) 22 August 2009 Officers of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police were dispatched to a Robbery at Rite Aid Pharmacy 825 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. Upon arrival Officers found the Suspect had fled the scene. Officers did then locate multiple witnesses and secured the store as a crime scene.

Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police as well as Detectives began to interview the witnesses and the victims. Witnesses were able to provide a detailed description of the Robbery and the Suspect, while providing the registration plate and a vehicle description that the Suspect fled the scene in.

Witnesses and Victims related that the lone Suspect did enter the Rite Aid store with his head and face covered with a white cloth or shirt. The Suspect was wearing black in color shirt and black in color long shorts. The suspect had a large knife in his hand, which he displayed throughout the entire Robbery. The Suspect jumped over the counter and confronted a store clerk and demanded that the clerk open the cash register. The clerk was unable to open the register. The clerk was able to flee from the Suspect and the Suspect searched out a second store clerk and again demanded money. The second clerk did open the register and the Suspect was able to remove an undetermined amount of U.S. Currency. The Suspect then fled the store. As the Suspect fled the store an alert witness did call 911 on a cellular phone and was able to provide a vehicle description and the license plate to that vehicle. That information was dispatched to all Lancaster City Police officers via police radio.

Officers Glenn Stoltzfus and Officer Michael Whitaker located the Suspect vehicle several hours later parked and unattended within the 300 block of S. Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa. Using the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition cameras that were just installed in the area officers Stoltzfus and Officer Whitaker were able to use the Safety Coalition to watch and record any activity around the vehicle. Officers were then alerted that several persons had entered the Suspect vehicle and were leaving the area. Officer Whitaker and Stoltzfus did stop the vehicle a few blocks later, and secure the suspect vehicle for a search warrant.

Detectives of the Lancaster Bureau of Police did interview all of the occupants of the vehicle and the driver (Suspect) did admit that he alone had robbed the Rite Aid Store at 825 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. at knifepoint.

Detective Donald Morant of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police did file Criminal Charges for 2 Counts of



**LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

City of Lancaster  
Bureau of Police, 39 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603  
[www.lancasterpolice.com](http://www.lancasterpolice.com)

Author: Det. Lt. Schmidt

Contact Number: (717) 735-3300

Date: August 22, 2009

## **Robbery Arrest (Rite Aid Pharmacy)**

Robbery F-1 before DJ Janice Jimenez on the following individual:

### **IN CUSTODY:**

Alexis Mendoza Male 27years of age  
300 Block S. Queen Street  
Lancaster, Pa.

Mendoza will be held for arraignment on the Robbery Charges, as well as a Probation Violation.

This violent crime was quickly resolved by the co-operation of multiple witnesses who gave police the necessary information to develop and locate the suspect vehicle, using the latest technology (Camera\'s) Officers were able to do a surveillance of the Suspect vehicle undetected and wait until the suspect returned to the vehicle.

Anyone having information on this or any crime is asked to contact the Lancaster City Police at 717 735-3300 or Lancaster County Crimes Stoppers, callers can remain anonymous.

All Suspects are considered innocent until convicted in a court of law.

*(end of release)*