



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Robbery Arrests

Patrol Officers from Platoon "C" arrested two subjects on 22 JAN 2010 after they committed their third robbery in a two-hour time span.

Approximately 3:50pm a 14 year old from Lancaster reported that he had been robbed of his IPOD in the 200Blk N. Broad St. after two suspects threatened to beat him up if he did not turn over the IPOD. Patrol Officers responded to the area and began searching for the suspects. The victim of the robbery was able to provide officers with a good description of the suspects. Officer Stroup located two individuals matching the descriptions enter Champ Hall's Barber shop at 456 E. King St. Officers Stroup and Whitaker located both suspects in the basement of the barbershop along with an IPOD that was hidden between two hot water heaters. Both suspects were taken into custody for the Broad St. robbery. Patrol Officers were also aware that two similar robberies took place a few hours earlier in the 400Blk Lancaster Ave. and on the campus of F&M College, where IPOD's were also stolen. The investigation was turned over to the criminal investigations division.

Approximately 1:45pm, a student from F&M College was walking on campus in the area of a campus coffee shop when he was approached by three Black Males wearing dark clothing. The suspects demanded his IPOD, cellular phone, and money with the threat of being stabbed if he did not comply. The student handed everything to the suspects and they fled the area. The student was not injured.

Approximately 2:00pm, another student from F&M College was walking in the 400Blk Lancaster Ave. when he was approached by the same suspects that committed the earlier robbery. They again demanded his IPOD, Cellular Phone, and money with the threat of being beat up if he did not comply. The student handed everything to the suspects and they fled again the student was not injured.

As detectives continued their investigation throughout the night, they determined that the two suspects arrested for the N. Broad St. robbery was directly involved in the earlier two robberies. The IPOD located by patrol officers when the suspects were arrested was from one of the earlier robberies. Detectives returned to the barbershop and found the IPOD and from the last robbery and other evidence hidden in the basement where the suspects were located. Detectives also recovered one of the cellular phones at another residence in the city.



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As a result of the investigation Detective James Fatta charged the following suspects:

Spencer Alexander BRYANT M/18

199 Amboy Ave. Brooklyn, NY (Staying at a residence in the 500Blk S. Prince St.)

Charged with Robbery (F-1) and Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (F-1) and

Two counts of Robbery (F-2) and two counts of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (F-2) before MDJ Jimenez.

BRYANT was committed to the Lancaster County Prison by Magistrate Judge Bruce Roth in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail.

Juvenile Male 16

500Blk S. Prince St. Lancaster, PA

Charged with Robbery (F-1) and Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (F-1) and

Two counts of Robbery (F-2) and two counts of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Robbery (F-2).

This juvenile was petitioned to Juvenile Court and committed to the Youth Intervention Center.

Detectives have information on a third suspect in the two earlier robberies and are pursuing those leads to include the information that family or friends assisted him in fleeing the area after the suspects were arrested for the third robbery.

The Bureau of Police would like to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings and limit distractions such as texting, talking on your cell phone, playing an IPOD or other hand held electronics at an excessive volume with headphones that prevent you from hearing people walking or running up behind you or distracting you from being aware of what is happening around you.

If anyone has information about these or similar robberies please call the Bureau of Police at 735-3300.

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