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Robbery Suspect Arrested

On June 30, 2010, at approx. 2:44 AM, Officer Eric McCrady, of the Lancaster City Police, took a report from a 20 year old Lancaster man, who reported that he had been robbed a short time earlier. The victim reported that an unknown black male approached him in the 900 block of N. Ann Street, while he was walking. The victim reported that the suspect displayed a handgun and demanded that the victim empty his pockets. The victim complied and gave the suspect a small amount of cash, a cellular phone and a set of headphones. The suspect then walked away, and the victim returned home, where he contacted police to report the incident. Officer McCrady did a thorough investigation and obtained important information, which was helpful later in the investigation.

Officers from the Lancaster City Police Patrol Division - Platoon A began checking the Northeast section of the City for the suspect. At approx. 4:10 AM, Officer Tom Cole observed a gold Nissan Maxima being operated by a black male subject and driving with its headlights off, in the area of Park Ave and N. Shippen Street. Additional officers responded into the area and when the Nissan Maxima reached James Street and Prince Street, the officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle and activated their emergency lights and sirens. The Nissan Maxima stopped briefly and then began to flee the area. The vehicle then led officers on a vehicle pursuit, which covered most of Lancaster City, as well as parts of Manheim Township. The suspect continued to disregard the emergency lights and sirens from the police vehicles and almost caused an accident in the area of N. Charlotte Street and Orange Street. The pursuit reached speeds up to 40-50 mph.

Sgt. Mark Radmore attempted unsuccessfully to end the pursuit in the area of North Street and Christian Street, by deploying “Stop Sticks”, which are used to flatten the vehicle’s tires. Sgt. Radmore made another attempt when the Nissan passed by King Street and Church Street. This time, the “Stop Stick” deployment was successful and caused the Nissan’s right side tires to flatten. The suspect continued driving East on King Street, despite having flat tires on the right side of the vehicle. The suspect turned South on Franklin Street and then attempted to turn onto Mifflin Street, but lost control of the vehicle and struck a Dodge Intrepid that was parked along the street. The suspect then jumped out of the Nissan and attempted to flee on foot. Trooper Chris Cope and Corporal Jason Pelotte, of the Pennsylvania State Police, were in the area and were able to take the suspect into custody. The robbery victim was brought to the scene and identified the driver of the Nissan Maxima as the person who had robbed him earlier in the morning. Additionally, loot from the robbery, including the victim’s cell phone were located inside the Nissan Maxima. The driver of the Nissan Maxima was arrested and taken to

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the Lancaster City Police station, where he was interviewed by Detectives.

As a result of this investigation, the following arrest was made:

ARRESTED – Manuel RIOS Jr. M/23
200 Blk. E. New Street Lancaster, PA

RIOS was charged with one count of Robbery (F-2), one count of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officers (F-3) and one count of Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicles or Property (Summary) by Detective Sgt. Michael Winters. RIOS was held for arraignment and was committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of $75,000 bail. Sergeant Winters credits Officer McCrady for his thorough investigation and the numerous officers who assisted with the surveillance and during the vehicle pursuit for bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

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