



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Sexual Assault, Beating

Supplements this earlier release by Lt. Smith:

On or about 0323./ 16 January 2010 officers were dispatched to the 300 blk. Of W. Walnut St. for an assault. Upon officers arrival a W/F/20's was found assaulted in an alley in the 300 blk. Of W. Walnut St. Anyone having any information regarding this assault is asked to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3301.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

At approximately 0323 Hrs., 16 January 2010, Patrol officers were dispatched to the 300 block of W, Walnut St, for a report of a woman who was found assaulted. Officers arrived and located a 25 year old Lancaster City woman, who had been severely beaten, and appeared to have been sexually assaulted.

The woman was transported to a local hospital where she was treated, examined and admitted. Medical examination confirmed that the woman was sexually assaulted, she was also physically assaulted causing trauma to her head and body. The woman is in stable condition admitted to the hospital. Investigators determined that the woman appeared to have been physically attacked and drug into an alleyway between two homes, where she was further beaten and sexually assaulted.

The Bureau is investigating this incident as a major crime, and processed the scene as a major crime scene. The Bureau has requested the Community Safety Coalition provide footage from cameras in the area, which is being reviewed. Investigators also are in the process of locating and interviewing friends of the victim, Investigators credited a resident with likely stopping the assault. This resident yelled upon hearing a disturbance and noises, and observed a shorter thin male leaving the area and called police.

Capt. Anders, "Veteran investigators are appalled at the brutality of this attack. We request businesses in the area review outside cameras for footage of anyone walking in the area around that time period. Women are cautioned that the attacker is not in custody, we are working every possible aspect of this investigation and will continue to do so until the thug is in prison.

Investigators urge anyone with information regarding this attack to contact the Lancaster Police at 735-3300; or Capt. Anders at 735-3345 or Det. Nate Nickel at 735-3358. Callers can provide information without providing their name and/or confidentially.

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