



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Shooting 400 blk. Lafayette St

1544 Hrs (3:44pm) 22 June 2009

Lancaster County Wide Communications received a call of a shooting that had occurred within the 400 Block of Lafayette Street, Lancaster City, Lancaster, Pa. Uniformed Officers and Detectives of the Lancaster Bureau of Police did respond to the scene.

Officers found a 1997 red in color Chrysler mini van had sustained damage from gunfire. Officers located the two occupants of the vehicle. The driver a white female 25 years of age, who is a Lancaster City resident, had sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder. The passenger in the vehicle a black male 29 years old, also of Lancaster City was not injured.

Investigators did interview the occupants of the vehicle, and did a canvas of the neighborhood, as well as processing the crime scene for evidence, which included a search warrant for the victim's vehicle, which had been struck by gunfire.

The driver of the vehicle was transported to a local hospital by ambulance where she was admitted and is listed in fair condition. The passenger was released from the police station after being interviewed.

1751 Hrs (5:51pm) 22 June 2009

Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police were securing the victims vehicle within the 400 Block Of Lafayette Street (while investigators were preparing a search warrant), when Jason Rush B/M/29 (a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the shooting) did approach the van and entered the vehicle while it was secured as a crime scene, Rush had to be removed from the vehicle by officers. Detective Kurtis Miller of the Lancaster Bureau of Police Violent Crime Unit did charge Jason Rush with Tampering with Evidence M-2 and Obstructing Administration of Law or Other Government Function M-2.

Rush was held for arraignment.

At this time Investigators have learned that this was not a random attack and that the victim(s) were targeted by



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the suspect. The Lancaster Bureau of Police is asking that the media reframe from giving out any and all information that maybe obtained from any other sources, to include names of witnesses and or victim(s), because this is an ongoing investigation and to ensure the safety of those individuals that have co-operated with this investigation. All Suspect(s) are considered innocent until convicted in a court of law. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contct the Lancaster Bureau of Police at 717 735-3300, or CrimeStoppers. Callers do not have to give their names to give informaion.

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