



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

City of Lancaster  
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Date: November 5, 2011

### Shooting @ James & Market Sts

Shortly before 8:20 pm, Tuesday, October 18th Officers were dispatched to the area of James and Market Sts for a report of a shooting. It was also reported that someone was seen running from the area with a child. Officers arrived and learned that the victim, a 7 year old city girl, had been taken to the hospital in a private vehicle by a passing motorist, so as a result, Officers also responded to the hospital.

A crime scene was established in the area of James and Market Sts and several witnesses, who had been in the block at the time of the shooting, were conveyed to the Police Station where they were interviewed by detectives and the crime scene was processed for evidence. The 7 year old victim, who suffered from multiple gunshot wounds, was subsequently air lifted to Hershey Medical Center, where she was listed as being in critical condition.

Police are asking for the public's help in attempting to locate a silver vehicle (similar in style to a Mercedes or BMW type vehicle), which was seen fleeing the area immediately after the shots were fired, north on Market St and ultimately out of the area, west on Harrisburg Ave at a high rate of speed.

Anyone with information relative to this vehicle and/or the shooting is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

\*\*\*\*UPDATED INFORMATION 10/21/11\*\*\*\*

Police are no longer looking for the silver vehicle that was seen in the area of the shooting. This vehicle, a silver Mercedes, has been located. The individual who was driving the Mercedes at the time of the shooting has been identified and voluntarily came to the police station to be interviewed last evening. Due to the very active and ongoing nature of this investigation, no further details will be released at this time. Additional updates will be provided when available. The Lancaster Bureau of Police would like to thank those individuals who have come forward to assist with this investigation. We continue to seek additional information and urge that anyone with any information contact police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATED INFORMATION – ARREST – 04 NOV. 2011\*\*\*\*\*



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During the course of this intensive investigation, through multiple interviews and tips from citizens, police have developed a suspect and were able to positively identify the suspect as the shooter in this horrendous crime.

During a surveillance detail in the area of the 700 block of South West End Avenue in the late evening hours of 04 November, Officers observed the suspect enter a vehicle with two other persons and drive into the city. As a marked police unit began to follow this vehicle, the vehicle stopped in the middle of the road and the suspect fled on foot through back yards. He was quickly apprehended hiding underneath of a rear porch in the 600 block of South West End Avenue. A stolen handgun was recovered in this same back yard where the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

**ARRESTED:** RUIZ-MAYO, Rene 27-year-old City resident

Detective Nathan Nickel filed the following charges against RUIZ-MAYO related to the October 18th shooting of a 7-year-old girl: 3 counts of Aggravated Assault (F-1), 3 counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person (M-2) before MDJ Bruce Roth.

Detective Nathan Nickel filed the following charges against RUIZ-MAYO related to the arrest incident on November 4th: Firearms Not To Be Carried Without A License (F-3), Receiving Stolen Property [Firearm] (F-3) before MDJ Mary Sponaugle.

RUIZ-MAYO was arraigned on all of the above charges by MDJ Bruce Roth who set his bail related to the shooting at \$1,000,000 straight, and an additional \$100,000 each for the two charges related to the arrest for a total of \$1,200,000 straight. RUIZ-MAYO to be committed to the Lancaster County Prison in lieu of bail.

The investigation into this shooting continues and remains very active. Investigators are following up on additional leads and are attempting to identify anyone who may have assisted RUIZ-MAYO during this incident.

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PUBLISHED TO THAT WHICH IS ON THIS NEWS RELEASE AND SHOULD THE MEDIA BECOME AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY THE NAMES OF ANY WITNESSES OR LANCASTER RESIDENTS IN THIS CASE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY REFRAIN FORM PUBLISHING THAT INFORMATION SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF ANYONE NOR THIS ON GOING INVESTIGATION\*\*

All persons accused of a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

Photograph attached.

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