



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

City of Lancaster
Bureau of Police, 39 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa. 17603
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Date: May 19, 2011

Shooting Death

PREVIOUSLY RELEASED INFORMATION:

Shortly before 9:30 am, Thursday, May 19th, Officers of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police were dispatched to an apartment building in the 400 Blk New Holland Ave for the report of an unresponsive/injured person, who had been found by a maintenance worker for the apartment building.

Upon arrival, Officers located the deceased--A 50 year old Lancaster City man, who was a resident of the apartment in which he was found and it appeared as though he had suffered a gunshot wound. Detectives responded to this location, canvassed the area, interviewed witnesses and processed the scene for evidence throughout the afternoon and into the evening—Some of which is continuing at this time. Although it was not immediately apparent, as the scene was processed, it became clear that the victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

The investigation into this shooting is being treated as a Homicide and anyone with information is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3301. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information.

The identification of the victim is being withheld until next of kin have been notified.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON IDENTITY OF VICTIM:

The victim in this Homicide Investigation has been identified as....

Spencer Houston, 50
491 New Holland Ave., Apt. #3
Lancaster, Pa.

The investigation into this Homicide is intensive and ongoing as Detectives continue to interview witnesses and follow up on leads. Again, anyone with information is asked to contact the City Police at 735-3301.



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