



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Date: March 8, 2010

Shooting and Vehicle Pursuit

Approximately 9:31p.m., March 7, 2010 Patrol Officers from Platoon "B" responded to a 911 call for shots fired in the area of Locust St. and S. Christian St. Officer Gary Lowe arrived and spoke to the victim, a 29-year-old woman who lives in the city. The victim told Officer Lowe that she was driving in the area with her 15-month-old daughter in the car. A vehicle was following her for approximately 2 to 3 blocks when she pulled over in the 400 block of S. Christian St. When she pulled over the victim saw the vehicle that was following her stop in the intersection of Locust St. and S. Christian St. The occupants in the vehicle then shot at the victim's vehicle numerous times. Multiple shots struck the vehicle while it was occupied by the woman and her daughter. Luckily neither victim was injured during the shooting. The woman described the suspect vehicle as a White, older model SUV, boxy, with a spare tire on the back of the vehicle like a Mitsubishi. Officers collected evidence at the scene.

Approximately 24 minutes later at 9:55 p.m. Officers Michael Hagen and Herb Watson were patrolling in the area of the 300 block of Church St. and saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle in the shooting. Officers Hagen and Watson began to follow this vehicle, a White older model Mitsubishi Montero that matched the description given by the shooting victim. The driver of the Montero failed to stop for a stop sign and a red light. The Officers attempted to stop the Montero for the traffic violations and the vehicle fled leading the officers in a pursuit through the city's Southeast. During the pursuit Officers Hagen and Watson observed the driver throw an unknown dark object from the car in the 300 block of Stevens Ave. Officers continued the pursuit into the 1000 block of Grofftown Rd. where the road dead-ends. The Montero struck the curb and the driver fled the vehicle and was captured by Officer Richard Mendez after a short foot pursuit. The passenger of the Montero was taken into custody without incident. Officers located an empty holster for a handgun outside the driver's door of the Montero. Officers also returned to the 300 block of Stevens Ave. and Lt. Michael Bradley located a .38 caliber revolver that is believed to be the gun used in the shooting.

Taken into custody were:

- 1) SPRINGER, Quamaine M/18
500 Blk Beaver St. Lancaster, PA
(Driver of the Montero)



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Charges: Aggravated Assault; Criminal Conspiracy to commit Aggravated Assault; F-3 VUFA (Firearms not to be carried without a license); F-3 Fleeing and attempting to Elude Police Officers; Stop Sign violation and Driving without a License.

2) BROWN, Robert M/17 (Direct file as an adult)
500 Blk Juniata St. Lancaster, PA
(Passenger of the Montero)

Charges: Aggravated Assault; Criminal Conspiracy to commit Aggravated Assault; F-3 VUFA (Firearms not to be carried without a license)

Detectives were called in to assist with the investigation and interview the above suspects. Det. Bill Breault brought the above listed charges, with a direct file of the 17-year-old as an adult, before MDJ Kelly Ballentine. Both Springer and Brown are being held for arraignment on said charges. Photos of Springer and Brown will be available at the police station.

Lancaster City Police responded to several other incidents over the weekend, listed below in chronological order:

March 5, 2010: ROBBERY. At 9:38 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a strong-arm robbery that occurred in the first block of E. Grant St. Four 15-year-old boys (all Lancaster County residents) reported they were followed by 3-6 Hispanic and black males (no further description at this time) while walking in the first block of N. Queen St. The boys began to run from these subjects. Two of the boys got away, but the suspects caught up to the other two in the first block of E. Grant St. The first victim reported that one of the suspects grabbed a cell phone (\$350.00 value) from his hands and attempted to search his pockets. The victim then pushed the suspect away. The second victim reported that the suspects attempted to search his pockets, but he resisted and one of the suspects punched him in the face. All of the suspects then fled the area, last seen running north on Christian St. towards Orange St. The victims were not injured. The investigation is continuing.



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March 6, 2010: SHOTS FIRED. At 4:48 a.m. officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Juniata St. for a report of more than a dozen shots fired. Officers spoke to witnesses who stated that there was an argument in front of a house in the block, apparently between the occupants of the house and approximately 12 other people prior to the gunshots. Officers did not locate any damaged property or injured persons, but believe multiple gunshots were discharged on the street. The investigation is continuing.

March 6, 2010: SHOTS FIRED. At 8:54 p.m. officers were responded to a shots fired incident in the area of the 700 block of Fremont St. In addition to receiving numerous calls from citizen, two city police Officers were in the area on an unrelated event and heard 4-5 gunshots. These officers immediately headed to the location of the gunshots, and additional units also responded. Dispatchers and citizens in the area directed officers to the 700 block of Fremont St., where officers located damage to a sidewalk and a second floor balcony of a house in the block that were likely caused by the gunfire. A witness told police that he observed two black males and a Hispanic male arguing in the street prior to hearing the gunshots. This witness then observed one of the black males fire two shots. The witness described the suspect as being in his 20's and having a medium build, possibly 5'8" – 5'9" tall, and wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt with a white shirt underneath and brown pants. All three individuals then fled the area on foot in different directions. No injured persons were located. The investigation is continuing.

March 6, 2010: ROBBERY. A 19-year-old city woman reported she was robbed in the 100 block of E. Orange St. at 9:11 p.m. The victim stated she was walking west in the block when she was approached from behind by three Hispanic and black males, all reported to be in their teens and wearing black hooded sweatshirts. One was described as having dark curly hair that was pulled back. The victim reported that one of the suspects grabbed her around the neck. The other two suspects then began to go through her pockets. The suspect with the dark curly hair grabbed a portable video game (\$170.00 value) from the victim. The victim was able to break free and ran several blocks to a friend's house. The victim then discovered that her wallet (approximately \$20.00 value) had been taken. The victim sustained a minor injury to her neck that did not require immediate medical treatment. The investigation is continuing.



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March 7, 2010: SHOTS FIRED. At 12:11 a.m. officers responded to a report of citizens hearing 6–7 gunshots in the area of the 500 block of Manor St. Lancaster County Wide Communications dispatchers received several calls from persons who heard the gunshots, however no suspects, evidence, injured persons, or damaged property were located. The investigation is continuing.

March 7, 2010. ROBBERY. A 42-year-old city man reported that he was the victim of a robbery at 12:30 a.m. in the 300 block of S. Marshall St. The victim stated two males, described as a black male and a light-skinned male, jumped him. The victim stated the black male punched him, the victim fell to the ground, and that both males then punched and kicked him. The victim later discovered his wallet, which contained a small amount of cash, was missing. The victim was treated for facial injuries at a city hospital and was released later in the day. The investigation is continuing.

Investigators continue to gather information as they review all of these incidents. It is unknown at this time if any of these events are related. Surveillance cameras from the Lancaster Community Safety Coalition and businesses in the area are being reviewed for any useful video evidence that may have been recorded. Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at (717) 735-3300.

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