



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Shooting at James and Market Streets

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.



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