



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Shots Fired Investigation

On 12 March 2011, at approx. 1257 hrs., officers from the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to the area of N. Shippen Street and E. Clay Street for shots fired. While officers were responding to the scene, Lancaster Countywide Communications provided updated information regarding the suspects involved, including information about a subject who had fired the shots and another subject who got into a newer model, black Dodge Challenger and was leaving the area.

Officers arrived in the area and located one subject, who matched the description of one of the suspects. Officer Michael Landis stopped the subject and then spoke with a witness, who reported that this subject had a handgun and fired the gunshots. The witness further stated that the suspect entered a residence at 239 E. Clay Street, before returning to the street a short time later. This subject was identified as Damon MILLIGAN. MILLIGAN was taken to the Lancaster City Police station to be interviewed by Detectives.

Within a few minutes of the shooting, Officers Jared Snader and Adam Dommel observed a black Dodge Challenger in the area of N. Plum Street and Reynolds Ave. The officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver, who was identified as Parris BLACKSTON. BLACKSTON was also taken to the Lancaster City Police station to be interviewed by Detectives.

Patrol Officers from Platoon D secured the scene at 239 E. Clay Street, while Detectives continued their investigation. Police learned that both subjects, MILLIGAN and BLACKSTON, had been staying at 239 E. Clay Street. Police also learned the shots were fired after a verbal dispute between two groups of people. Police learned that during the altercation, a handgun was displayed and an unknown number of shots was fired. One of the bullets struck the front of a home in the 800 block of N. Shippen Street. One of the bullets also went into an occupied residence, in the 800 block of N. Shippen Street. Fortunately the occupants of the home were not injured. Based on information gathered through the investigation, this incident does not appear to be a random act of violence, but rather a dispute between two groups of people.

Based on their investigation, Detectives were able to obtain search warrants for the black Dodge Challenger and the residence at 239 E. Clay Street. During the search of the residence, Detectives located a stolen .45 caliber handgun, approx. 109 grams of marijuana, approx. 3.2 grams of crack cocaine, as well as drug packaging materials, a small quantity of U.S. currency and other evidence. The handgun was reported as stolen to the



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Lancaster City Police in September 2010. The handgun was to have been stolen from a residence in the 500 block of E. Frederick Street. During the search of the Dodge Challenger, Detectives located approx. 1.3 grams of crack cocaine, as well as other evidence.

Officer Steve Reich filed the following charges as a result of this investigation:

Damon R. MILLIGAN M/33
239 E. Clay Street Lancaster, PA

Charged with two counts of Violating Uniform Firearms Act, one count of Discharge Of A Firearms Into An Occupied Structure, one count of Receiving Stolen Property, one count of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, one count of one count of Possession With Intent To Deliver Crack Cocaine, one count of Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana, and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Parris M. BLACKSTON M/31
239 E. Clay Street Lancaster, PA

Charged with two counts of Possession With Intent To Deliver Crack Cocaine, one count of Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

As of the time of this release, MILLIGAN and BLACKSTON are being held at the Lancaster City Police station and are awaiting arraignment. Detectives are continuing their investigation into this incident and are following up on additional leads. Anyone with information regarding the shots fired incident is asked to contact the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300.

All persons charged with a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

****THE LANCASTER CITY POLICE IS RESPECTUFLLY REQUESTING THAT THE MEDIA LIMIT WHAT IS PUBLISHED IN THIS CASE TO THAT WHICH IS ON THIS NEWS RELEASE AND TO SPECIFICALLY REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING THE NAME(S) OF THE VICTIM OR ANY WITNESSESS, SO AS NOT TO**



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