



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Stabbing - Homicide Arrest

Shortly after 3:15 pm, Saturday afternoon, January 24th Officers of the Lancaster Bureau of Police were dispatched to the 500 Blk Green St for report of a stabbing. Upon the Officers' arrival, they located the following individual lying in front of 527 ½ Green St suffering from a serious stab wound or wounds to the area of his chest....

Kenyon Wright-Carter, 18  
400 Blk W. Vine St.  
Lancaster, Pa.

The victim was conveyed to Lancaster General Hospital via ambulance, where he underwent emergency surgery and was listed in critical condition Saturday evening. The crime scene was processed and a large number of witnesses were conveyed to the police station, where they were interviewed by detectives throughout Saturday evening. It became very clear early on in this investigation that this was a targeted attack and as a result of numerous interviews, the following individual was identified as the suspect who was responsible for the stabbing....

Tyler Johns, 16  
600 Blk Hebrank St.  
Lancaster, Pa.

It became apparent that the victim had been a passenger in a vehicle, which had pulled into the 500 Blk Green St and was attacked by the suspect as the victim was seated inside this vehicle. The victim then went into a house in the block for help, ultimately coming back outside where he collapsed. The suspect immediately fled the area.

Det. Lt. Charles Schmidt charged Tyler Johns with Criminal Attempt(at Homicide, F-1) and Aggravated Assault(F-1) before Magisterial District Judge Kelly Ballentine and obtained a warrant for his arrest on Sunday, January 25th. Tyler Johns was charged as an adult under the direct file legislation, due to the fact that a deadly weapon was used in the commission of this offense. As Detectives and Officers were in the process of seeking to



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arrest Johns, Det. Lt. Switzer received a phone call Monday afternoon, January 26th from an attorney representing him and arrangements were made for him to turn himself in, with his attorney, this morning, January 27th.

Tyler Johns arrived at the police station shortly after 10:30 am this morning, January 27th, with his attorney and several family members. Johns was subsequently interviewed, as were many of the family members and he was held for arraignment on these charges. He was arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Hamilton this evening on these charges, bail was set at \$500,00.00 and he was committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of bail. Following the arraignment, the Bureau of police was in contact with the hospital and learned that the victim was deceased, after having been removed from the ventilator this evening. An autopsy is scheduled for tomorrow, after which the police will consult with the District Attorney's Office for the possible upgrading of the charges.

The investigation into this assault is on going and anyone with additional information related to this is asked to call the Lancaster City Police at 735-3300. Callers do not have to give their names to provide information. The Bureau of Police would like to commend the many residents who came forward with information during the course of this investigation, which assisted in the quick resolution of this case.

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