



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Stolen Vehicle, Arrests

On Friday, June 3, 2011 at approximately 2:45 AM, Lancaster City Police officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the 200 block of N. Water St. Information was received that a gray mini-van had been driving slowly through the area, and shortly thereafter, two individuals were seen sitting in this vehicle parked inside the Water St. Parking Garage, 220 N. Water St. Several officers responded to this location. Officers parked their police cars along the entrance/exit to the garage and entered the garage on foot. A gray Plymouth mini-van was observed driving in the garage toward the exit. Officers made contact with the driver and passenger. In attempting to identify the occupants, officers instructed the driver to put the vehicle in park. The driver accelerated away from officers toward the exit. When he realized the exit was blocked by police vehicles, the driver jumped out of the moving mini-van.

One of the officers on the outer perimeter observed this and began to converge on the vehicle. Upon seeing the driver exit the vehicle, the officer drew his duty weapon. The driver ran towards the officer and collided with the officer. A brief struggle ensued, during which the officer's handgun accidentally discharged. The single round fired from the officer's weapon struck the metal housing of a mechanical device that opens / closes the entrance gate to the parking garage, causing minor damage. No persons were struck and the suspect was quickly subdued. The officer sustained a minor elbow injury. The suspect was not injured.

The suspect vehicle continued to roll forward and struck an unoccupied police car that was parked in front of the exit. The police car sustained minor damage. The passenger remained in the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident or injury.

Upon initial observation of the vehicle, it was discovered that the ignition cylinder had been removed. Police later learned that the mini-van had been reported stolen from

Flushing, NY.

The individuals in the vehicle have been identified as follows:

Driver: VILLOT, Luis Ceasar 24-year-old male



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192 Sands St., Brooklyn, NY

Charged with: Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Conspiracy, Recklessly
Another Person, Escape

Endangering

Passenger: DAVILA, Hector Manny
190 York St., Brooklyn, NY

Charged with: Receiving Stolen Property, Criminal Conspiracy

Both suspects are currently being held for arraignment.

The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the stolen vehicle is ongoing, and investigators have been in communication with police in Flushing, NY.

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