



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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Vandalism, Recovered Stolen Vehicle

2:25 AM, 15 December 2008, officers responded to 53 N. Prince St. (business – “The Den”) for a report of vandalism that had just occurred. Officers spoke to two witnesses who live in the area. These witnesses heard glass breaking and looked outside to see a male juvenile standing in front of the business. According to witnesses, this subject then reached inside the broken front display window of 53 N. Prince St. and removed a large object. The suspect then placed this object into a blue Honda Accent, which was parked nearby. The suspect then drove south on Prince St. in this vehicle.

As officers were speaking to witnesses, the suspect vehicle drove through the first block of N. Prince St. The witnesses stated, “There he goes” and pointed to the vehicle. Officers Ben Bradley and J. David Williams quickly got in their police cars and gave chase. The Honda fled from officers when they attempted to stop it in the 100 blk. W. Mifflin St. The driver failed to stop and fled from officers at a high rate of speed, committing numerous traffic violations (failing to stop for a stop sign, wrong way on one-way street). The Honda then struck a parked vehicle in the 100 block of W. Strawberry St. This vehicle, a 2001 Chrysler Town and Country, is owned by a resident of that block. Both vehicles sustained major damage from the collision and both were later towed from the scene.

The driver of the Honda fled on foot after the crash, and was apprehended by Off. Bradley after a brief chase. Witnesses were brought to the location of the arrest and positively identified the driver of the Honda as the same person they saw break the window at 53 N. Prince St. Further investigation revealed that the Honda Accent had previously been reported stolen to the E. Lampeter Township Police. The Honda is owned by Exotic Imports of Lancaster, Lincoln Hwy. and was reported stolen on Nov. 24, 2008.

Police recovered a large rock and a brick from the passenger compartment of the Honda Accent.

As a result of this incident, a 16-year-old Lancaster City resident was charged with the following crimes:

- Receiving Stolen Property (Felony)
- Fleeing and Eluding (Misdemeanor)
- Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle (Misdemeanor)
- Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor)
- Criminal Mischief (Misdemeanor)
- Driver’s Required to be Licensed (Summary)
- One Way Roadways (Summary)



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Stop Signs (Summary)

A Juvenile Allegation was filed by Off. Jessica Higgins. The juvenile was committed to the Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center at the request of Lancaster County Juvenile Probation.

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