



LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Vehicle Accident, Death Investigation

Approximately 0235Hrs. (2:35am), 24 OCT 2009, Officers from Manheim Township Police responded to the report of a single vehicle crash on 30W at 283W. Upon arrival, Officers from Manheim Township located the vehicle accident on the south side shoulder portion of 30W that spans 283 East and West which was determined to be Lancaster City's jurisdiction. Officers also discovered from the reporting person that the vehicle involved in the accident was empty and that a White Male in his 20's was lying on the ground directly below this portion of 30W which is a distance of approximately 40 feet. Fire Department and EMS also responded and determined that the individual was deceased. The Lancaster County Coroner's Office responded and pronounced the individual dead at the scene.

Officers from the Lancaster City Police were dispatched and assumed the investigation after Manheim Township notified County-Wide Communicatins the accident was in the City's jurisdiction. Patrol Officers are conducting the accident investigation and members of the Criminal Investigative Division are conducting the Death Investigation.

There are preliminary indications that the deceased individual was the driver of the vehicle. At this time the investigation is focused on determining the cause of the accident, how or why the driver fell from the overpass, and the cause and manner of death which will be determined, with the assistance of Lancaster County Coroner's Office after an autopsy and toxicology are completed.

The Lancaster Bureau of Police is not releasing the name of the deceased until after proper notification is made to the family.

If anyone has information regarding this accident please call the Lancaster Bureau of Police at 735-3300. Detective Phil Berkheiser is the lead investigator.

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