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Subject Arrested During Drug Investigation

At 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007, police were in the area of Evergreen Circle and Melvin Road in Franconia Township conducting a drug investigation when they attempted to make contact with the driver of a silver Chevrolet HHR station wagon that was observed in the area.

When police officers activated the emergency lighting on their patrol vehicles, the driver of the Chevrolet fled the scene, nearly striking a police vehicle in the process. The driver of the Chevrolet left his vehicle in the area of Church Road and Franconia Avenue in Telford Borough, after causing damage to a lawn on Church Road. He fled on foot through neighboring yards before he was apprehended by police.

Police identified the driver of the Chevrolet as Luis Murga, 22, of the 1400 block of Edgewood Avenue, Roslyn, Pennsylvania. After an investigation, police learned that Murga was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license and that there were active bench warrants for his arrest from Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Police located a large amount of illegal drugs and over \$13,000 cash inside the vehicle.

Murga was arrested and charged with felony and misdemeanor counts of: drug possession, recklessly endangering another person, loitering and prowling at night time, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, reckless driving, resisting arrest, and corruption of a minor.

Murga was arraigned before Magisterial District Justice Kenneth Deatelhauser in Souderton on Monday, April 16th. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash. Murga was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Eagleville in lieu of posting bail. The preliminary hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

This incident is still under investigation.

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