

**Manassas City Police Department**  
**February 7, 2014**  
**Crime Report**

**Fugitive from Justice - Arrest**

At approximately 1:30PM on February 6, 2014, a Manassas City Police officer observed a vehicle, bearing Pennsylvania license plates, in the area of Dumfries Rd and Winterset Dr in the City of Manassas (20110). After running the license plate, the officer discovered that the vehicle was connected to a homicide investigation in Johnstown, PA. The officer activated his emergency equipment and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver did not stop and a pursuit was initiated which continued into Prince William County where the driver lost control of the vehicle and run up on a sidewalk in the area of the Prince William Pkwy near Tattersall Dr. A passenger in the vehicle remained at the scene and was detained without incident. The driver, identified as Earl Patrick MITCHELL, immediately fled on foot into a nearby residential and wooded area. Officers determined that MITCHELL was the suspect sought on an active warrant by Pennsylvania authorities in connection to the homicide. This information prompted a massive police response and extensive search of the area. After Prince William County Police and Manassas City Police activated a Unified Command Post, officers and K-9s from Prince William County Police, Manassas City Police, and Virginia State Police, aided by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and aerial support from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter, conducted a seven hour manhunt for MITCHELL. Area schools were notified of the incident and took necessary precautions while officers limited access to certain residential areas where MITCHELL was believed to be in hiding. Shortly after 8:00PM, during a methodical search of a surrounding neighborhood, officers received information that MITCHELL was possibly in the basement area of a home in the 8400 block of Mineral Springs Dr. The suspect was believed to have entered the residence through an unsecured rear door. Two Prince William County police officers, a Manassas City police officer, and a police K-9 searched the residence and located MITCHELL hiding in a storage area in the basement of the home. The suspect was apprehended without incident and was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. Two residents of the home encountered the armed suspect and attempted to calm him down for several hours. At one point, MITCHELL became distracted and the men were able to flee the residence. Notification was made to nearby officers who searched the home, ultimately finding MITCHELL. No injuries were reported. The suspect is currently being held in the Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center in Manassas without bond. The passenger in the vehicle was not charged.

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Earl Patrick MITCHELL, 20, of 1438 N 56<sup>th</sup> St, Philadelphia, PA 19131 was arrested on February 6, 2014. He was charged by Manassas City with fugitive from justice [reference PA homicide], possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a concealed weapon, reckless driving, and felony eluding. MITCHELL was also charged by Prince William County with burglary while armed, two counts of abduction, two counts of use of a firearm in commission of a felony. He has pending court dates of March 25 and April 1, 2014. *For further information on the homicide investigation in Pennsylvania, please contact Johnstown Police.*



MITCHELL, Earl Patrick (20)

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Anyone with information about these events is encouraged to call the Manassas City Police Department Investigative Services Division at [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:7032578092) or Crime Solvers. The Manassas City Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward up to \$1000.00 for information that leads to an arrest in these cases. The confidential 24-hour tip line is [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:7033300330).

Si usted tiene información sobre estos eventos, favor de llamar al departamento de policía de la ciudad de Manassas a [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:7032578092), o a la solucionista de crimen (Crime Solvers). Crime Solvers pagará un premio de hasta \$1,000.00 en efectivo por información que ayude en arrestar los sospechosos en estos casos. Llame las 24 horas al [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:7033300330). Nunca tiene que dar su nombre; solamente la información.

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