# [***Woman reports intruder to her son -- a policeman***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47MJ-CHR0-00JK-Y1GR-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A Lampeter woman Thursday did what any policeman's mother would do when faced with a possible intruder: She called her son.

The victim, whom West Lampeter Township police did not identify, was awakened by the sound of someone trying to break into her home around 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

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The woman called her son, an East Lampeter Township policeman, on his ***cell phone*** to tell him of her dilemma. Emergency dispatchers also notified police in the municipality where she lives.

East Lampeter Township police Officer Sam Goss kept his mother on the line while he drove to her home, and he arrived shortly before two West Lampeter Township policemen.

The suspect, identified as Matthew Plantholt, 24, of 211 E. Ross St., was still trying to get in the house when Goss arrived, police said. Goss identified himself as a police officer and ordered him to the ground, investigators said.

But when Plantholt saw two more policemen arrive, West Lampeter Township police Officer Richard Buck said, the suspect starting running, ignoring commands to stop.

As the suspect bolted across Lampeter Road, Buck said, West Lampeter Township police Officer Joseph Eisenhour tackled Plantholt.

Police charged Plantholt with defiant trespass, loitering and prowling at night, resisting arrest and public drunkenness.

Plantholt's explanation to investigators was that he at one time knew the Goss family and was looking for a place to go Thursday morning.

He was arraigned before District Justice M.A. Hamilton and was committed to county prison in lieu of $3,000 bail.

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