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YTI offers criminal justice program

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MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (WHTM) - In this classroom students are taught how to use force, even analyze a mock crime scenes using a hands-on approach.

Students showed off their skills during an open house at YTI's Capital Region location on Saturday. Those there were hoping to attract prospective students, like Upper Dauphin High School's Brock Snyder, to the criminal justice program.

"I came to learn about what I want to do after I graduate," Snyder said.

"I figured this was the best way to get criminals off the street and help the people that need help," Amber Strickler said.

Strickler is already enrolled there. She is actually months away from graduation, but first she has to finish an "externship" at York County Prison.

"A lot of people are cutting back and a lot of police departments are using a lot of part time policing," YTI Instructor Craig Stone said.

Times are tough in the law enforcement community. Cutbacks and layoffs in police departments are frequent, but Stone said they are trying to adapt in a field that's constantly changing to place as many students as possible.

"Contrary to popular belief, to anybody in the state of Pennsylvania, if they took a look at the governor's budget, one of the areas that actually increased 12 percent is the department of corrections," Stone said.

He said though the job market is tight, but jobs are out there.

"One of the job markets that wasn't frozen was juvenile justice," Stone said.

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A Lancaster woman was jailed on assault charges after she stabbed and threatened to kill one of her roommates with a decorative spear, according to police.

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A parish priest will spend up to 23 months in prison for embezzling more than \$384,000 from a central Pennsylvania church.

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An inmate has killed a guard at a federal prison in northeastern Pennsylvania.

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Updated: Feb 26, 2013 11:20 AM EST

Lebanon police said two missing teenagers who apparently ran away from home have been found in New Jersey.

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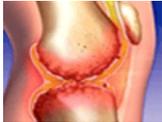
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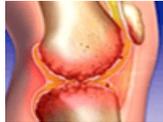
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Amy Peiffer is juggling classes at Penn State Harrisburg. The 31-year-old went to Pitt out of high school, but left after two years with no degree and lots of debt.

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Police are looking for the man who robbed a grocery store in the Palmyra Shopping Center Monday night.

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