

# **\*UPDATE- Suspect Arrested\* Detectives Conducting a Homicide Investigation – Newport**

**Newport**– The Delaware State Police have arrested a 15 year-old suspect in connection with a homicide that occurred on February 15, 2020.

The investigation began on February 15, 2020, at approximately 9:56 p.m., when the Newport Police Department and Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Bennett Court, for a report of a shooting at an apartment. Upon their arrival, police located a 15-year-old female gunshot victim at the residence where she was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Through investigative measures, detectives were able to identify 15 year-old **Angelise Merced** of Elsmere as a suspect. On April 13, 2020, Merced was charged with the following crimes:

- Manslaughter (felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (felony)

Merced turned herself in at Delaware State Police Troop 6 and was processed and arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11. Merced was committed to New Castle County Detention Center on \$130,000.00 cash bond.

Click on link for original release: <http://Detectives Conducting a Homicide Investigation- Newport>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or

have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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