

State Police Arrest Woman for Stabbing Incident in New Castle

Delaware State Police Detectives have arrested 32-year-old **Tanekqua Stanford** of New Castle, Delaware for felony offenses following a stabbing incident that occurred in New Castle that left one man injured.

On August 18, 2025, at approximately 2:30 p.m., troopers responded to Best Knight Inn, located at 1200 West Avenue in New Castle, for a report of a stabbing. When troopers arrived, they learned that a male victim had been stabbed by a female suspect, later identified as Tanekqua Stanford. The victim was taken by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed that while the victim was talking to Stanford and three other people, she removed a pocketknife from the victim's pocket. When the victim confronted her about returning the knife, she stabbed him in the arm. Stanford was located a short time later and taken into custody without incident.

Stanford was arrested and taken to Troop 2, where she was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$61,000 cash bond.

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Assault 2nd Degree – Recklessly or Intentionally Causes Physical Injury with a Weapon (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500