

State Police Arrest Newark Woman for Assaulting Trooper During Stolen Vehicle Investigation

The Delaware State Police arrested 36-year-old **Rebecca Weatherly**, of Newark, Delaware, on felony assault and related charges following a stolen vehicle investigation Wednesday evening in Newark.

On April 8, 2026, at approximately 6:15 p.m., troopers responded to the Christiana Mall, located at 350 Christiana Mall, for a report of a stolen vehicle. The preliminary investigation revealed the victim's Toyota Camry was stolen and was later tracked to a residence on the unit block of Jamison Street in Newark. Troopers responded to the area and located the stolen vehicle. While on scene, troopers observed a woman, later identified as Rebecca Weatherly, enter the vehicle and remove personal property from inside.

As troopers approached Weatherly and attempted to take her into custody, she resisted arrest and struck a trooper, causing non-life-threatening injuries. Weatherly was subsequently taken into custody without further incident. While searching Weatherly, troopers located the keys to the stolen Toyota.

Weatherly was taken to Troop 6 where she was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$3,500 cash bond.



- Assault Second Degree Injure a Law Enforcement Officer (Felony)
- Receiving Stolen Property Value Over \$1,500 (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest with Force or Violence (Felony)