# Troopers Arrest New Castle Woman for Assault- New Castle

**New Castle**-The Delaware State Police have arrested 19-year-old **Eliza Ventura** of New Castle for assault and related charges.

The incident occurred on April 19, 2020 at approximately 8:20 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Christiana Care Wilmington Hospital Emergency Room for a report of a subject that had been stabbed. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 40-year-old female victim from New Castle, DE. The victim advised she and Eliza engaged in a verbal altercation that escalated into a physical altercation in the parking lot of Best Night Inn located at 1200 West Ave, New Castle. During the altercation, the victim sustained a facial laceration and a laceration to her torso. The victim was privately transported to the Christiana Care Wilmington Hospital Emergency Room where he was treated and released with non-life threatening injuries.

Eliza was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 2 where she was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Assault Second Degree (felony)

Eliza was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on $22,500.00 unsecured bond.

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*Presented by Public Information Officer, Senior Corporal Heather Pepper*

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# *Update #2 Name Released*- Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash on I-495- Claymont

***Claymont***– The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a motor vehicle crash on I-495 on April 18, 2020 as 30-year-old **Dannie M. Fenwick** of Newark, DE.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

*Update*- Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash on I-495- Claymont

*TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash on I495-Claymont

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# *Update*- Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash on I-495- Claymont

***Claymont-*** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred last evening on I-495.

The incident occurred on April 18, 2020 at approximately 10:15 p.m., when a Mercury Marquis was traveling southbound on I-495 in the area of mile marker 9.0 when the operator lost control of the vehicle and struck a guardrail. The Marquis spun out of control and back across the southbound lanes of I-495, coming to rest against the guardrail on the west side of the highway. Shortly thereafter, a Mitsubishi Outlander was traveling southbound on I-495 and struck pieces of debris in the roadway from the Marquis. The Outlander became disabled

in the right shoulder south of the scene.  A Dodge Journey was traveling southbound on I-495 and swerved to avoid the debris, the operator lost control and struck the guardrail positioned in the grass median. The Journey came to rest within the left lane of travel.  A  Buick LeSabre was also traveling southbound on I-495 and attempted to avoid striking debris in the roadway and the disabled Journey.  The operator of the LeSabre swerved and lost control of his vehicle, striking the guardrail on the west side of the highway where it came to a stop. A Honda Civic was also traveling southbound on I-495 and the operator was unable to perceive the Journey disabled in the left lane and struck same.  A Toyota Rav4 was traveling northbound on I-495 and was struck by the debris during the sequence of events, shattering its windshield.

The operator of the Mercury Marquis, a 30-year-old male of Newark, DE, was not properly restrained and ejected from the vehicle.  He was pronounced deceased at the scene.  His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Mitsubishi Outlander, a 35-year-old female of Smyrna, DE, was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

The operator of the Dodge Journey, a 34-year-old female of New Castle, DE was properly restrained, she and her two passengers ages 11 and 17 were transported to the Saint Francis Hospital with minor, non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Buick LeSabre, a 29-year-old male of Philadelphia, PA, was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.  His 5-year-old son was a passenger and transported to the AI DuPont Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The operator of the Honda Civic, an 18-year-old male of Wilmington, DE was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

The operator of the Toyota Rav4, a 59-year-old female of Bear, DE was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

All lanes of I-495 southbound in the area of mile marker 9.0 were closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

*TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash on I495-Claymont

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# *TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash on I495-Claymont

***Claymont-*** The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 10:20 p.m., on April 18, 2020.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation, all lanes of I 495 southbound in the area of the Claymont Exit are closed.  Motorists are advised to use caution and seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated road closure and traffic information log onto: http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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# State Police Conducting Death Investigation-Laurel

***Laurel-*** The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is currently conducting a death investigation following a stabbing incident that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred on April 18, 2020 at approximately 2:53 a.m., when Troopers were made aware that several victims had responded in a vehicle to the Laurel Police Department seeking assistance after being involved in an altercation in the area of Susan Beach Road, Laurel. The four victims appeared to have been suffering from apparent stab wounds.

The four juvenile male victims were transported to a local area hospital. A 16-year-old male victim sustained an apparent stab wound to his upper torso and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The other three victims sustained non-life threatening injuries.

The investigation into this incident continues to remain active and ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

If anyone has information in reference to this case, they are asked to contact Detective M. Csapo of the Homicide Unit at 302-741-2729. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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# Troopers Investigating Restaurant Armed Robbery-New

# Castle

***New Castle (19720)-*** The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Checkers Restaurant last evening.

The incident occurred on April 17, 2020 at approximately 11:17 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Checkers Restaurant located at 1503 N. Dupont Hwy, New Castle for a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, contact was made with two employees who advised that while they were taking out the trash, they were approached by an unknown suspect. The suspect displayed a handgun and forced the employees back into the Checkers and demanded money. The victims turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior to the suspect fleeing the area on foot. The victims did not sustain injury as a result of this incident.

The suspect was described as a black male wearing a mask and armed with a handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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# DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offender

***Dover –*** The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/

# Megan's Law Community Notice

**THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED FOR ADVISORY PURPOSES ONLY**
**THIS IS NOT A WANTED PERSON**

## BOOKER T MARTIN



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| **Risk Level:** | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) | **Police Agency:** | TROOP 7 STATE POLICE |
| **Verified On:** | September 16, 2019 | **Phone:** | (302) 644-5020 |
| **Registered Since:** | July 8, 2009 | **Address:** | 19444 MULBERRY KNOLL ROAD<br>LEWES, DE 19958 |
| **In Prison:** | No | | |
| **Convicted Out of State:** | No | | |
| **Repeat Offender:** | No | | |

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| **Date of Birth:** | January 30, 1971 (age 49) | **Height:** | 5' 11" |
| **Gender:** | Male | **Weight:** | 190 LBS |
| **Race:** | Black/African American | **Hair Color:** | BLACK |
| **Skin Tone:** | MEDIUM BROWN | **Eye Color:** | Brown |

**Aliases**

MARTIN T BOOKER
SORENTO MARTIN
BOOK MARTIN
GOO BOOKER
NELSON E MARTIN
MARTIN BOOKER
GOO MARTIN
BOOKER MARTIN
BOOKER G MARTIN

**Scars, Marks, & Tattoos**

(no scars, marks, or tattoos on file)

**Addresses**

| Type | Address | County | Development/Employer |
|---|---|---|---|
| Home | 22007 CUBBAGE POND RD<br>CUBBAGE POND ROAD<br>LINCOLN, DE 19960 | Sussex | |
| Work | 255 N Rehoboth BLVD<br>MILFORD, DE 19963 | Sussex | PERDUE |

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# Homeless Sex Offender Notification

***Dover***— The following subjects not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Robert Simmons is asked to please contact Detective M. Bailey at 302-943-1560. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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# Delaware State Police Recognize Public Safety Communication Personnel

Delaware- The Delaware State Police (DSP) is proud to recognize and honor its public safety communication personnel during National Public Safety Telecommunications Operators Week. The Delaware State Police Communications Section consists of three 911 Public Safety Answering Points (dispatch centers), which are located in each of the three Delaware counties and Headquarters Communications in Dover.

The personnel assigned to the DSP Communication Section have dedicated their careers to providing superior services to those who are in need for law enforcement assistance. They are responsible for answering and responding to 911 calls, dispatching law enforcement officers, communicating with local, state, and federal agencies, collaborating with fire and EMS dispatchers, and operating in mobile command positions during critical incidents. They are the first public safety professionals to receive and respond to calls for help; and they are the first people responsible for ensuring that appropriate resources are dispatched and delivered to those in need. Oftentimes, they can make the difference between life and death situations.

In 2019, Delaware State Police Communication personnel handled 579,042 emergency 911 calls and an additional 392,841 non-emergency calls for service, for a total of 971,883 calls. Every day the residents and visitors to Delaware depend upon the skills, expertise, and commitment of these telecommunication professionals. This is especially evident

during the current Covid-19 pandemic, during which these dedicated individuals remain in the centers to ensure that every 911 call is answered and appropriate law enforcement services are rendered.

*It is with great pride that we recognize and honor our public safety communication members. They are the lifeline for providing assistance to those during their greatest time of need. Every day they answer the call to serve their community with competence, compassion, and professionalism. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with this distinguished group of women and men.”* – Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr, Superintendent

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# “COVID-19’s Impact on Delaware’s Roadways- How the Delaware State Police Are Combatting It”

Delaware- Since March 12, 2020, Delaware has been under the State of Emergency, and citizens are urged to remain at home and off the roadways.  With fewer individuals traveling on Delaware roadways, the number of crashes and fatalities would be anticipated to have a significant decline. Although the number of crashes handled in February and March of 2020 is fewer than those months in 2019, the percentage of crashes involving impairment has increased. There has also been an

increase this year in each category of fatal crashes except bicycle-related fatalities.

Since January 1, 2020, Delaware has had 23 fatal crashes resulting in 24 deaths.  Of those 23 fatal crashes, two were motorcycle-related, and eight were pedestrian-related.

The Delaware State Police would like to offer the following safety tips to help keep the citizens and visitors to Delaware safe when traveling on our roadways during this unprecedented time.  Whether you are a motorist, pedestrian, cyclist, or motorcyclist, avoid traveling while under the influence of any substance which alters your judgment negatively.  Also, give your full time and attention to the roadway.  If you are operating a vehicle or motorcycle, obey the posted speed limits.

“Speed is the biggest determinant of serious injury and fatalities, especially for those who are most vulnerable like pedestrians and bicyclists as well as first responders, tow truck drivers, and construction and utility workers often on the shoulders of our roads,” said Ken Grant, Public and Government Affairs Manager for AAA Mid-Atlantic. “Motorist reaction times – which is about 1 second for most drivers – don’t speed up just because they go faster.”

If you are walking on the roadways, pedestrians should carry a flashlight, wear reflective clothing and walk on a sidewalk if available. Pedestrians are reminded to cross in marked crosswalks, obey pedestrian signals, walk facing traffic, and avoid walking in poorly lit areas whenever possible.

The Delaware State Police continue to be dedicated to keeping Delaware’s roadways safe and the number of crashes and impaired drivers down.  We will continue to stop, cite, and educate those who violate the law to prevent injuries and deaths.

For additional safety tips and information regarding travel

during COVID-19, please visit https://midatlantic.aaa.com/coronavirus.