



## **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Motorist Charged with Striking Parking Officer with Vehicle**

The Newark Police have charged 33 year old Innocence Bello with striking a parking enforcement officer with her vehicle while fleeing to avoid receiving a parking summons. On Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 10:39 pm a Newark Parking Enforcement Officer was on East Main Street and was attempting to issue a parking summons on a vehicle when Bello entered the vehicle and attempted to flee the area. The parking enforcement officer who was standing at the driver's door jumped back, into the traffic lane, to avoid being struck by the vehicle. Bello then drove her vehicle towards the parking enforcement officer brushing him with the driver's side of the vehicle as she fled. Bello was stopped a block away by responding officers.

The parking enforcement officer was uninjured during the incident. The incident was captured on video surveillance. (Video attached)

**Defendant:** Innocence Bello (Black Female 33) DOB 11/2/77  
7 Washington Street  
Newark, DE 19711

**Charges:** Reckless Endangering 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Poss. of Deadly Weapon During Commission of Felony (Vehicle as weapon)  
Failure to Signal Turning Movements  
Failure to Display License Plate

Bello was arraigned at JP Court #11 and then committed to the Baylor Womens Correctional Facility after failing to post a \$12,000 secured bond.

*The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*

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