

# **Massachusetts State Trooper deploys taser and arrests belligerent woman who was allegedly blocking traffic and assaults trooper**

Shortly after 10 a.m. today Trooper Stephen Thomson, assigned to State Police-Logan, was on patrol in East Boston. As he was traveling on Maverick Street a female flagged him down and began to speak with him. She stated she was not in distress and did not need assistance and, after a short conversation, Trooper Thomson continued on his way.

After he traveled a very short distance he observed the female in his rear view mirror blocking traffic and yelling at passing motorists. Trooper Thomson then stopped his cruiser and walked back to the female while requesting additional cruisers to respond for assistance.

As he got within 50 feet of the female he observed her screaming and throwing objects at a vehicle traveling on the road. Trooper Thomson then ran toward her and ordered her to the ground. The female locked eyes on Trooper Thomson and began aggressively approaching him. After additional orders to lay on the ground he drew his taser and warned her she would be tased if she did not comply. Once she was within 10 feet, and still approaching, Trooper Thomson activated his taser, causing her to fall to the ground.

After the taser cycle was completed she got back to her feet and again approached Trooper Thomson, this time even more violently. The female struck Trooper Thomson several times in the head and neck, deeply scratching him causing blood to

flow. He was able to use defensive tactics to bring the female to the ground. At this point a Good Samaritan, named Isaac, was bearing witness to the events and jumped in to help the Trooper. Isaac was able to assist in gaining control of the female, who was violently flailing her arms and legs while resisting.

After several minutes Trooper Thomson was able to secure the female in restraints, however, she continued to act erratic and violent. Additional cruisers arrived on scene, along with Boston Police, followed by Boston EMS. She was transported to an area hospital and ordered held for psychiatric evaluation. Trooper Thomson was treated for scratches and abrasions, along with treatment for exposure to potential hazardous bodily fluids due to his injuries. The female was issued a criminal summons and will eventually appear in East Boston District Court for the following offenses:

01. Assault and Battery on a Police Officer;
02. Disorderly Conduct;
03. Resisting Arrest; and
04. Assault.