

# **Massachusetts State Police and New Hampshire Officers arrest man who severely beat woman after “fender-bender”**

Early yesterday morning Massachusetts State Police Troopers and Manchester, NH, Police located and arrested the man who severely beat a woman following a minor motor vehicle crash last week.

At approximately 8 a.m. Monday Troopers from the MSP's Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and Manchester officers apprehended JOSEPH FALER0, 37, of Manchester, NH, at an apartment in that city.

FALER0 was the subject of a warrant charging him with assault with intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and motor vehicle violations. Trooper Kenneth Quigley from the State Police-Andover Barracks obtained the arrest warrant last Friday after his investigation of the assault.

The arrest stemmed from an incident that occurred shortly after 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. Troopers from the Andover Barracks responded to a report of a woman being assaulted on the side of Route 93 northbound in Methuen. On scene, Troopers found a 30-year-old woman suffering from significant injuries and facial lacerations. The woman was covered in mud and snow and appeared to be in shock.

Further investigation by the Troopers revealed that the woman's car had been sideswiped by a Honda Civic operated by a man. Both drivers exited their cars. When the woman attempted to call police, the man began severely beating her in the face, and when she fell to the ground he kicked her in the face, neck, and back. The woman began to lose consciousness.

The suspect fled before Troopers arrived.

The suspect's Honda Civic was later recovered abandoned in Manchester. Investigation by Trooper Quigley determined that the assailant was FALERO.

Troopers from the MSP's Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section assisted Troopers from the Barracks and developed intelligence that led them to set up surveillance yesterday, along with local police, on the residence in Manchester. FALERO was taken into custody a short time later.

FALERO was charged as a fugitive from justice and will be held in New Hampshire until his rendition to Massachusetts to face prosecution for the assault.