

## **Criminal Investigation Started in Missing Woman Case, Her SUV Found**

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Police said Wednesday that authorities have launched a criminal investigation in [the case of a missing local woman](#) to determine whether she was harmed.

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She first was reported missing by friends who “indicated that they had not heard from her for approximately ten hours, and she had missed several appointments during the day,” Ferraro said in a press release.

“The last time one of the friends had contact with Jennifer was earlier in the day after Jennifer had dropped her children off at school,” Ferraro said.

“Jennifer was believed to be driving her 2017 black Chevy Suburban at the time she dropped off the children at school. At no time were the five Dulos children missing. Additionally, the children are safe and with family.”

The new details come as the police case, which is now both a missing person as well as a criminal investigation, dominates local and regional news headlines and tugs at the hearts of many in New Canaan.

Dulos [has been described](#) by some who knew her as warm, highly intelligent and devoted to her five young children. She filed for divorce two years ago and [had been embroiled](#) in contentious custody proceedings with an estranged husband whom she feared, according to court documents.

Police said that after receiving the initial call that Dulos was missing, officers checked her residence in New Canaan. She was not found there, though a short time later, an officer found her 2017 black Chevy Suburban on Lapham Road near Waveny Park, Ferraro said in the release.

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“Jennifer was not inside the vehicle,” he said. “K-9 units from surrounding law enforcement agencies checked the area for Jennifer but were not successful. A subsequent Silver Alert was issued for Jennifer.”

Members of the Connecticut State Police Search and Rescue K-9 Unit have conducted searches at multiple locations in New Canaan, Ferraro said. On Wednesday, the search focused on Waveny Park, with assistance from a Norwalk Police Department drone and New York State Police helicopter.

“At the time of this release, Jennifer has not been located, and the search is ongoing,” Ferraro said.

Since receiving word last Friday that Dulos was missing, the New Canaan Police Investigative Section in partnership with the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, and with the assistance of federal law enforcement agencies, has “worked around the clock to locate Jennifer by exploring all leads and tips,” Ferraro said.

“This investigation is being treated as a missing person case, but as with any missing person case, a criminal investigation is being conducted concurrently to determine if Jennifer was the victim foul play or intentional harm,” he said.

Ferraro added: “As with any investigation information from the public is critical, and we continue to ask for

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the public's assistance by using the New Canaan Police Tip Line phone number at 203-594-3544."