

FIERMONTE ASSIGNED TO CLEANING OF JAIL

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Settles Down to Serving Rest of 5-Day Term on Rikers Island for Traffic Violation

Enzo Fiermonte, former boxer, automobile racer and husband of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor Dick Fiermonte, was transferred yesterday from the Queens City Prison to the penitentiary at Rikers Island to finish his five-day sentence imposed in Queens Traffic Court on Tuesday. Today, according to Warden Richard A. McGee of the penitentiary, he will be assigned to "general cleaning" work, including window washing and picking up scraps of paper.

Both Warden McGee and Warden Frederick L. Morehead of the Queens prison stressed that Mr. Fiermonte was being treated "like any other prisoner." Asked about a report that Mrs. Fiermonte had vainly attempted to see her husband, both wardens said they knew nothing of it.

Warden McGee said that, under the penitentiary rules, the prisoner's wife could see him once while he was on the island. Up to late yesterday afternoon she had made no attempt to call on him, the warden added, although a lawyer had seen him.

Mr. Fiermonte's actual time in custody will not last a full five days, as Tuesday counted as one day, and, according to custom at the island and under the rule permitting discharge at any convenient time on the final day of sentence, he will be released about 9:30 A. M. on Saturday. He was sentenced on a three-year-old speeding charge and on July 21 will face in the same court a charge of driving without a license.

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