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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP — It turns out the man police were looking for Wednesday in connection with the near-fatal **beating** is **already** in the Wayne County Jail on unrelated charges.

Leevester Hathorn, 52, was recently arrested in Woodhaven on robbery charges, said Plymouth Township Det. Sgt. Steve Rapson. He was processed, held on a \$100,000 bond and is now expected to soon face felony charges that could land him in prison for the rest of his life.

"We are glad that he's in custody, and I'm sure the victim is too," Rapson said.

Police named Hathorn as the **suspect** in the **beating** today. He's a habitual offender with more than 30 arrests dating back to 1971, police said.

An arrest warrant was issued charging Hathorn with five felonies, including assault with intent to murder.

The victim called police after the attack saying she had been beaten and needed help. Police said she was beaten with a metal object. She spent nearly two weeks in the hospital, suffering from skull fractures and a broken nose.

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