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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP — He's a habitual offender with more than 30 arrests dating back to 1971, and now **police** say he's the one who beat a Wayne County woman nearly to death last May.

Police have issued an arrest warrant for Leevester Hathorn, 52, whom they say is the **man** responsible for attacking the 45-year-old woman as she worked alone May 24 inside a township industrial park. Hathorn, who goes by the **name** "Cat" or "Poohcat," is 5-foot-10 inches tall, 170 pounds and may be **in** Highland Park or possibly the Interstate 94 and Trumbull area of Detroit.

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.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will charge the **man** with five felonies, including assault with intent to murder.

Anyone with information should call Det. Sgt. Steve Rapson at (734) 354-3233.

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