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Suspect in industrial park beating is in custody

A man who police say beat a woman on May 24 as she worked alone in an industrial park office and then stole a laptop and fled is in police custody, Plymouth Township police said Wednesday.

Police discovered shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday that **Leevester Hathorn**, 56, of Detroit, was in the Wayne County Jail for a criminal case in Woodhaven. Police had identified him at a news conference.

Hathorn is to be arraigned later this week or early next week in 35th District Court in Plymouth on charges of armed robbery; assault with intent to murder; assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; assault with a dangerous weapon; breaking and entering and being a habitual offender, police said.

According to police, **Hathorn** demanded money from the woman and tried to tie her up, but she fought him. As they battled, he beat her with a metal pole or club, tied her up and left with a laptop.

The woman sustained multiple skull fractures, bleeding on the brain, a fractured vertebra and a broken nose.

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