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52-Year Old Newark Man Arrested for Carjacking and Weapon Possession

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose reports the arrest of Ronald L. Phillips, 52, of Newark, for an armed carjacking that occurred on Saturday, April 20th, 2019.

Shortly before 1:50 a.m., officers responded to the Exxon Gas Station at 1 Elizabeth Avenue on a call of a carjacking. A female driver was sitting in her parked vehicle waiting for her passengers to return from inside the station's mini-mart when a man opened her driver's side door and ordered out of the vehicle at gunpoint. The man drove away in the vehicle taking the victim's cell phone and other personal property.

Phillips was charged with this carjacking after he was arrested in an unrelated incident by Union Township Police. He was operating the carjacked vehicle at the time of his arrest. He also faces charges of unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

These charges are merely accusations. This suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Ronald L. Phillips