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## **Police Seek Public's Help Locating Criminal Mischief Suspect**

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara requests the public's help with locating Eugene Elam 39, of Newark who is wanted for an incident of criminal mischief at a fast-food restaurant on August 10, 2021.

When police arrived at the McDonald in the 900 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the owner told officers that the suspect became aggressive around 12:10 p.m. after employees would not allow him to use the restroom. The suspect, who had been using the restroom in the past to bathe, started yelling at the employees and the owner before he knocked over cup holders and a pastry glass display that shattered on the floor.

Elam is described as 5'8" and 175 pounds with brown eyes, black hair and a dark complexion. He is known to frequent South Orange Avenue from Alexander Street to Stuyvesant Avenue.

While detectives investigate this incident and seek the public's help with locating Elam, Director O'Hara urges anyone with information of his whereabouts to call the Division's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at 1-877-NWK-TIPS (1-877-695-8477). All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward.

Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at [www.newarkpublicsafety.org](http://www.newarkpublicsafety.org), or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes and Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



**Eugene Elam**