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## **Warrant Issued for Man Wanted for Aggravated Assault**

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that an arrest warrant has been issued for Jeffrey R. Hester, a 55-year-old homeless man, who assaulted a gas station employee on March 22, 2022.

Police responded to a report about the assault, which occurred around 5:40 a.m. at the Shell Gas Station, located in the 900 block of South Orange Avenue. The suspect walked into the gas station's convenience store, grabbed some snacks, a beverage and began to leave without paying. When the employee attempted to stop him from shoplifting, the suspect became irate, then punched the victim in the mouth and broke his jaw. Hester, also known as Darrell Hester, frequents the area and has stolen from the gas station before this latest incident.

Director O'Hara urges anyone with information on Hester's whereabouts to call the Police 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.newarkpd.org](http://www.newarkpd.org) or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



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