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Woman savagely beaten in carjacking

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A 57-year-old woman was dragged from her car, punched in the face and had her head repeatedly smashed on the door and roof of her vehicle during a savage carjacking in Warwick yesterday.

The woman's violent attacker drove off in her Mazda hatchback after the assault in the Warwick Shopping Centre car park.

Police say the woman had returned to her car at about 5.30pm when a man opened the car door and ripped her out of her vehicle.

The thief took some keys from the woman but when he couldn't start the car with them, he chased the owner, punched her in the face and retrieved other keys which she had thrown away.

The offender tried to start the car again as the woman struggled with him in an effort to grab the keys.

During the struggle, the attacker grabbed the woman by the arm and repeatedly hit her head on the door and roof of the car, giving her a blood nose and bruising.

The woman was not seriously injured and with the help of witnesses, was able to flag down a passing police car.

Police describe the carjacker as Caucasian with a tanned complexion, about 30 years old, 180 centimetres tall with slim build and short dark hair.

He was wearing a dark coloured jumper and wrap-around sunglasses at the time of the attack.

The vehicle he stole is a dark grey 2006 model Mazda 6 Hatch with registration plates reading 1CFX 993.

Anyone who sees the vehicle or can provide information about the attacker should call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

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