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Police arrest Laurel man in non-fatal shooting incident

Howard County police have arrested a Laurel man for shooting and wounding an acquaintance in an incident Friday night, Dec. 10. Stanley Randolf Brooks, 29, of 9060 Moonshine Hollow, was charged with attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment.

Police believe Brooks and the victim, William Murtie, 21, of the 9400 block of Fairview Ave. in Laurel, had an ongoing dispute over Murtie's stolen dirt bike.

Through investigation, police learned that Brooks had come to Murtie's home looking for him Friday evening, but Murtie wasn't there. Murtie returned home about 15 minutes later and Brooks returned to the residence shortly after. Murtie and a friend agreed to go outside to talk to Brooks.

According to witnesses, Brooks walked past the two men, reached under nearby bushes and pulled out a gun. Witnesses say Brooks fired at Murtie, striking him in the leg, and fled. Police and paramedics were called to the scene around 10:50 p.m. Murtie was treated at the scene and released with non-life threatening injuries.

Over the weekend, detectives identified Brooks as the suspect and arrested him Sun., Dec. 12 without incident.

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