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Police investigating non-fatal shooting in Columbia

Police offering \$1,000 reward

Howard County police are investigating a shooting that occurred Thursday night in Columbia. The victim, 18-year-old Keontae Johnson of the 6500 block of Overheart Lane, is in stable condition at Shock Trauma after being shot in the torso.

Police were called to Johnson's residence around 7:30 p.m. for a report that he was injured. Through investigation, police believe two groups of teenagers, including Johnson, became involved in a fight near a basketball court in the 6700 block of Cradlerock Way. During the fight, someone fired a handgun, striking Johnson. Johnson went home and a friend called 911.

Detectives are still investigating the cause of the dispute. Police are offering a \$1,000 reward and are asking anyone with information to call 410-313-3200.

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