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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **19-year-old bystander injured by gunfire** *Police offering reward of up to \$1,500*

Howard County police are asking for the public's help in the search for a group of suspects who fired gun shots last night in Laurel, striking a 19-year-old girl. Investigators believe the victim was walking from a parked car when she was hit by a stray bullet. She was taken to Shock Trauma and is in critical condition.

Police were called just after 10 p.m. for a report of shots fired in the 9000 block of Canterbury Riding. Officers responded and located the injured victim.

According to witnesses, a group of young male subjects was seen running from the area after the shots were fired. The number of suspects is unconfirmed and there are no additional descriptions.

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspects and are offering a reward of up to \$1,500.

Anyone who heard or saw anything in the area, or who has information about the incident, is urged to contact police at 410-313-STOP or [HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov). Investigators are also asking any residents in the area with home surveillance or doorbell cameras to contact police.

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