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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Injured officer released from hospital after collision**

The Howard County police officer who was injured after the patrol vehicle in which he was sitting was struck Thursday morning has been released from the hospital.

Police Officer First Class Michael Marino, a 13-year veteran of the department who is assigned to patrol in the Ellicott City area, was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center after the collision and was released Thursday night.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. Thursday, PFC Marino responded to the ramp from Route 100 westbound to Route 29 northbound to investigate a minor property damage collision. He was in the driver's seat of his patrol vehicle, with emergency lights activated, and stopped in the right lane to divert traffic from the earlier collision when his vehicle was struck from behind by a 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

The driver and sole occupant of the PT Cruiser, 24-year-old Bianca Taylor of Rosedale, was treated for minor injuries at St. Agnes Hospital and released. Through preliminary investigation, police believe Taylor was at-fault in the collision. The investigation is ongoing and charges are pending.

Police are reminding drivers of Maryland's Move Over law. The law requires drivers approaching a stopped emergency or service vehicle with red, yellow or amber flashing to, when possible, move over a lane or slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions while passing. Failure to move over can result in a fine of \$110 and one point against the driver's license. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$150 and three points against the driver's license.

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