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Police charge Columbia teens in series of commercial burglaries

Howard County police have charged three Columbia boys, ages 16, 15 and 13, in a recent series of commercial burglaries and attempts.

Between March 28 and April 5, five Columbia businesses were victims of burglary or attempted burglary; one business was targeted a total of three times. Through investigation, police identified three local suspects and after serving search warrants at their residences, located stolen property and other evidence connecting them to the burglaries.

All three suspects have been charged with attempted burglary/burglary and destruction of property in the following cases:

March 28, NY Deli, 9300 block of Snowden River Parkway, Columbia: Front door glass broken; nothing stolen.

March 28, Vape N' Cigar, 7100 block of Minstrel Way, Columbia: Front door glass broken; no entry gained, nothing stolen.

March 28, Royal Pizza, 9400 block of Snowden River Parkway, Columbia: Front door glass broken; no entry gained, nothing stolen.

March 30, Race Pace Bicycles, 6900 block of Oakland Mills Road, Columbia: Front windows broken; nothing stolen.

Additionally, the 16 and 13-year-old suspects have been charged with burglary, theft and destruction of property in the following cases:

April 4, 5, Race Pace Bicycles, 6900 block of Oakland Mills Road, Columbia: April 4- Front window broken, bicycle stolen. April 5- front window damaged, nothing stolen.

Verizon Wireless, 9300 block of Snowden River Parkway, Columbia: Front window broken, four cell phones stolen.

The 16-year-old suspect has also been charged with destruction of property after several windows were broken at Lake Elkhorn Middle School in the 6600 block of Cradlerock Way on March 29.

All three juveniles were released to the custody of a parent. Their names will not be released as they are charged as juveniles.

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