Assault
Columbia, 20144: 10500 block of Jason Lane, March 8 6:20 a.m.
An adult male victim reported that he was involved in an altercation with an acquaintance who then cut him before fleeing. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was treated and released. Police responded, located the suspect, and arrested him.
ARRESTED: Merlin Godinez-Sarmiento, 25, of Green Mountain Circle in Columbia, charged with assault

Robbery
Columbia, 21044: 5300 block of Fallriver Row Court, March 6 8:49 p.m.
An adult female victim reported that she was approached by a male suspect who assaulted her and stole her purse before fleeing. No one was injured. The investigation is ongoing. No suspect description is available.

Residential burglary
Columbia, 21044: 10900 block of Old Woods Way, March 7 8:10 p.m.
Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by forcing open a rear door and stole cash and a video game system.

Theft from vehicle/vehicle break-in
Columbia, 21045: Executive Park Drive & Beaver Run, March 5-6 overnight, cell phone charger
9400 block of Farewell Road, March 5-6 overnight, laptop, bag

Columbia, 21044: 10100 block of Pasture Gate Lane, March 6 10:30-11:30 p.m., two vehicles, various items
5200 block of Lightfoot Path, March 7 6:30-7:50 p.m., purse

Elicott City, 21042: 5800 block of Lois Lane, March 6-7, tags

Elkridge, 21075: 7200 block of Montgomery Road, March 7 6:15 a.m., catalytic converter

Laurel, 20723: 9700 block of Mountain Laurel Way, March 7-8 overnight, two vehicles: various items

Columbia, 21046: 8700 block of Carriage Hills Drive, March 7-8 overnight, various items

Vehicle theft
Sykesville, 21784: 1400 block of Underwood Road, March 7 12-10 a.m.
2005 white Ford F-150, tags MD/A294859

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