

**Howard County Police Department  
Office of Public Affairs  
Daily Crime Bulletin  
Monday, March 9, 2020**

**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

**Ellicott 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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