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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police release additional details about train derailment victims**

Howard County police are releasing additional details about the victims in the train derailment overnight that took the lives of Elizabeth Nass and Rose Mayr, both 19 and from Ellicott City.

Detectives are revealing the nature of the circumstances under which the girls were found, already deceased, at the scene. The teens' bodies were located seated on the edge of a bridge over Main Street. It appears to investigators that the girls were sitting on the ledge facing east toward Baltimore County with their backs to the side of the train as it passed a few feet behind them. For an unknown reason, the train derailed, causing open cars filled with coal to tip over. Both Nass and Mayr were buried under the coal as it dumped from the train cars. Their causes of death will not be known until after autopsies are performed.

Howard County police investigators also are aware of photos believed to have been posted on Twitter just prior to the incident. They have viewed the photos on public web sites and recognize that they appear to have been posted by one of the girls. This will be verified only after the girls' cell phones are processed by authorities.

The investigation into the derailment itself is being handled by the NTSB.

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