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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Two men charged with attempted murder in gas station assault**

*Police believe suspects planned and coordinated October attack*

Howard County police have charged two men with attempted murder after an investigation revealed they conspired to assault one of the suspect's employers at a gas station in Jessup.

Malcolm Xavier Littlejohn, 20, of Old Columbia Pike in Silver Spring, and Eric Ricardo Exum, 48, of Edgewood Street N.E. in Washington, D.C., are charged with attempted first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and assault. Both are being held on no bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

On Oct. 4 at approximately 6:45 a.m., Paul Albritton, 52, of Sykesville, parked his vehicle at a BP gas station in the 8800 block of Washington Boulevard and entered the store. His passenger, Exum, who was an employee of Albritton's, waited in the car while he went inside. When Albritton returned to his vehicle, a man later identified as Littlejohn approached and struck him on the head with a two-by-four wooden board before fleeing. Albritton was transported to the hospital with a severe head injury and is currently in a long-term care facility.

Through investigation, detectives learned that Exum had been in regular phone contact with Littlejohn in the days leading up to the assault, including calling Littlejohn just minutes before the incident. The investigation also revealed that Exum knew Albritton regularly stopped at the BP gas station in the mornings to purchase items from the store. A motive in the case remains unknown.

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