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New York woman charged with human trafficking at Laurel hotel

Howard County police have arrested a New York woman after receiving a tip through the National Human Trafficking Tip Line earlier this month.

Wenbo Wang, 46, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is charged with human trafficking, prostitution, drug possession and related charges.

The tip led detectives to a hotel in the 9700 block of Washington Boulevard on Jan. 25. While officers were on-site investigating, Wang arrived with another woman, who police believe was a potential victim.

Through investigation, detectives learned that Wang posted prostitution ads online for a number of women, arranged appointments and collected a portion of the resulting payments.

Wang is currently being held on \$500,000 bond at the Howard County Detention Center. Appropriate services were made available to the potential victim.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have information or been a victim of Wang's (or may know her by another name) to contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

Howard County is continuing its efforts to combat human trafficking. Investigators are focused on arresting traffickers and offering assistance to victims through treatment, housing, transportation and other help.

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