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Massage therapist charged with sex offense

Howard County police have charged a massage therapist with a sex offense for reportedly touching a female client inappropriately during a massage. Gene Coxson, 27, of Laurel, has been charged with fourth-degree sex offense and second-degree assault.

The victim reported that she was at the Pearl Spa on Maple Lawn Boulevard in Fulton Sept. 25 for a massage. She advised that Coxson touched her inappropriately during the massage and she told him to stop. The victim reported the incident to the spa and later contacted police.

Detectives launched an investigation, which resulted in Coxson's arrest this week. He was released on \$5,000 bond and has been suspended from employment, according to the Pearl Spa.

Investigators are concerned that there may be other victims of Coxson's who have not contacted police. Anyone who thinks they may have been assaulted by Coxson, at the Pearl Spa or anywhere else, should call 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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