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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police continue to investigate non-fatal shooting at Ellicott City Walmart** *Detectives offering reward up to \$2,500*

Howard County police are continuing to investigate a non-fatal shooting that occurred Oct. 8 at the Walmart store in the 3200 block of North Ridge Road in Ellicott City. Detectives are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information.

Police were called around midnight for a report of a fight with shots fired at the store. Officers arrived and located a 23-year-old man from Baltimore near the scene with a non-fatal gunshot wound. He is not being publicly identified at this time for investigative reasons.

Investigators believe the man was leaving the store and passed the suspect as he was entering. The two exchanged words as they passed, the context of which is unknown. Detectives believe the man turned around and reentered the store to confront the suspect. The suspect pulled out a gun and fired one shot, striking the man in the cheek.

According to witnesses, the man who was shot then exited the store, went out to a Mercedes sedan in the parking lot and retrieved a gun. He fired multiple shots at the front of the store, striking the building. No one was injured by those rounds. He then got into the Mercedes with a driver and another passenger and drove off.

Police arrived, learned that the suspect who was inside the store had fled on foot through a side door, and initiated a search.

Officers located and stopped the Mercedes nearby on Town and Country Blvd., found the injured man inside and arranged for him to be transported to Shock Trauma. He has since been treated and released from the hospital. The involvement, if any, of the driver and passenger is undetermined and is part of the ongoing investigation.

The unknown suspect who fired the initial shot was not located during the search immediately following the shooting. He is described as a black male, 20-25 years old, approximately six feet tall with a thin build. Preliminarily, there is no indication that the two men involved in the incident knew one another.

While no charges have yet been filed in this case, the investigation remains very active while police conduct ongoing interviews and gather information. Detectives are offering the reward of up to \$2,500 and asking anyone with information to call 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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