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Police connect pursuit suspect to multiple crimes

Investigation into a man involved in a vehicle pursuit in Columbia last week after an attempted traffic stop has led to charges against him in an armed robbery, burglaries, and motor vehicle theft in the last five months.

On Jan. 16, police attempted to stop a man later identified as Robert Charles Davis, 29, of Floral Drive in Hyattsville, for a registration violation. He fled in his vehicle, striking several parked cars, then fled on foot in the area of Thunder Hill Road in Columbia. Police located and arrested him a short time later. No one was injured.

Detectives learned that Davis' physical description and vehicle matched up with a December robbery in Columbia. The two victims reported that on Dec. 20, a male suspect approached them at Cradlerock Way and Garland Lane, displayed a handgun and stole their cell phones and a jacket before firing the weapon in the air and fleeing in a vehicle. No one was injured.

Police executed a search warrant at a Columbia residence where Davis was staying and recovered evidence connecting him to that robbery. He was charged with armed robbery, robbery, theft, assault, and reckless endangerment.

Additional evidence collected connected Davis to three burglaries in August and October. On two occasions in August, a suspect entered the clubhouse at the Columbia Alister Apartments and stole various gym equipment, electronics, and a chair. Police in October shared surveillance video of the burglary on social media, asking the public for its help in identifying the suspect.

Police recovered from the Columbia residence items from those two burglaries along with items stolen in an October burglary at the Columbia Commons leasing office. The suspect seen on surveillance video in all three burglaries matches Davis' physical description. He was charged with multiple counts of burglary and theft.

Davis also was charged with motor vehicle theft and rogue and vagabond for a stolen motorcycle found in his possession. Additionally, detectives discovered a credit card read/write device, embosser, and blank credit cards in the residence. He was charged with possession of an encoding device.

Davis is being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

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