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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police arrest eight men in prostitution operation**

*Detectives continue ongoing efforts to combat solicitation and human trafficking*

Howard County police recently conducted a reverse prostitution operation, resulting in the arrest of eight men for solicitation of prostitution and related charges.

Officers arrested the men this week for soliciting prostitution at a hotel in the 9800 block of Washington Boulevard in Laurel. As part of the operation, detectives placed a fake ad on the website Backpage, which is a site known to detectives to be used for prostitution. Men who called the number in the ad spoke with undercover female officers, who provided a meeting location upon the caller's request. When the men arrived and offered the undercover officers money for sex acts, they were arrested and charged with solicitation of prostitution and disorderly conduct:

- Marvin Barrios, 35, of Silver Spring
- Tauhid Byrd, 41, of Columbia
- Judonald Haynes, 35, of Glenarden
- James Walls, 47, of Columbia
- Oscar Flores, 51, of Beltsville
  
- Dorian Evans, 51, of Fort Washington

This is part of Howard County's ongoing effort to combat prostitution, human trafficking and related offenses. The HCPD is posting ads on relevant websites reminding people of the dangers and penalties of engaging in this kind of activity. Some of the new ads read:

#### **LOOKING FOR A GIRL? HOWARD COUNTY POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU.**

HCPD has zero tolerance for Prostitution and Human Trafficking.  
If you commit these crimes, you WILL be arrested, prosecuted and  
your personal information released to the media.

**If you are a victim, HCPD can offer housing, treatment and other help.**

If you suspect Human Trafficking, OR YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VICTIM:

- CALL 911 or 410-313-3200 to speak privately to a detective
- Tip line: 410-290-3784 or email: hcpdcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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