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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Pregnant woman shot in Columbia dies; baby critical**

*Police offer reward of up to \$5,000 for information*

A pregnant woman shot on Friday night while inside a residence in Columbia has died. Her baby was delivered and is in critical condition.

At approximately 11 p.m., police responded to the 6600 block of Dovecote Drive for a report of several gunshots. Police discovered that multiple bullets had been fired into the house from the outside. One of the rounds struck Rabiah Ahmad, 30, who was staying at the residence. She was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center where she later died. Ahmad was 28 weeks pregnant and doctors delivered the baby, who is in critical condition. No one else was injured in the incident.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances of the shooting. They are working to determine if someone in the house may have been targeted, as numerous unrelated people reside in the Dovecote residence. Police are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information in the case. They are also urging residents in the area to check their doorbell or security cameras for any activity around 11 p.m.

Police do not yet have any suspect information. Anyone who may have seen or heard something in the area, or has any other information, is urged to contact police at 410-313-STOP or [HCPDCrimeTips@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HCPDCrimeTips@howardcountymd.gov). Callers may remain anonymous.

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