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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police arrest four in retail robberies**

Howard County police have charged four suspects in a string of recent retail robberies and believe that they may be responsible for other similar cases in Maryland and neighboring states.

Precious Brown, 27, of Stanton Road SE in Washington, D.C.; Jai Jenkins, 18, of Bayley Place NE in Washington, D.C.; Antoinette Jones, 25, of Glassmanor Drive in Oxon Hill; and Alaysha Simmons, 18, of Gales Street NE in Washington, D.C., are charged with armed robbery, robbery, assault, and theft. Jenkins, Simmons, and Jones are being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center; Brown is being held in a neighboring jurisdiction.

The suspects are charged in a series of robberies at Nordstrom Rack in the 6100 block of Columbia Crossing Circle in Columbia from Nov. 28-Dec. 1. The suspects stole merchandise, then used stun guns and pepper spray when confronted by employees. No one was injured.

Through investigation, police identified and arrested the suspects, charging them as follows:

- Nov. 28 (attempted robbery): Brown, Jenkins, Simmons
- Nov. 29 (robbery): Brown, Jenkins, Jones, Simmons
- Dec. 1 (robbery): Brown, Jones, Simmons

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