

**Howard County Police Department
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Robbery

Columbia, 21045: Fruitgift Place & Overheart Lane, Aug. 15 10:15 p.m.

An adult male taxi driver reported that he picked up a passenger and drove to the above location. The passenger paid the driver and asked for change, but then displayed a knife and demanded money. The driver complied and the suspect fled. No one was injured. The investigation is ongoing. SUSPECT: The victim described the suspect as a black male wearing a shoulder-length wig, mid-to-late 20s, 5'10" with a thin build wearing a gray t-shirt.

Robbery arrest update

Police have made an arrest in two armed robberies of Columbia gas stations on Aug. 12 and Aug. 13. At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 12, the suspect entered Liberty Gas in the 6400 block of Dobbin Center Way, approached the employee, displayed a knife and demanded cash. The employee complied. The victim also stole cigarettes before fleeing. No one was injured. At approximately 1:13 a.m. on Aug. 13, the suspect entered Exxon Gas in the 8200 block of Snowden River Parkway and placed items from the store on the counter. When the suspect handed the employee money, the suspect grabbed the employee and displayed a knife. The employee dropped the money and ran out of the store. The suspect picked up the money and fled. Nothing was reported stolen and no one was injured. Through investigation, police identified a suspect and arrested him on Aug. 15.

ARRESTED: Mancel Mbossa-Mbolla, 21, of Sealed Message Road in Columbia, charged with two counts of armed robbery, two counts of robbery, two counts of theft, and multiple counts of assault

Commercial burglary

Ellicott City, 21042: Shell Gas Station, 4700 block of Dorsey Hall Drive, Aug. 16 4:05 a.m.

Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the business by prying open the front door and stole cigarettes and scratch off lottery tickets.

Residential burglary

Ellicott City, 21042: 9300 block of Old Frederick Road, Aug. 12-15

Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the vacant residence by forcing open a rear door and stole a tool box. Unknown suspect(s) also gained entry to another vacant residence at the above location by unknown means. Nothing was reported from that residence. Police are investigating if the two burglaries may be related.

Elkridge, 21075: 6300 block of Collett Court, Aug. 14-15

Unknown suspect(s) entered the open garage and stole tools and golf clubs.

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