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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police searching for suspect in Columbia gas station robbery and carjacking** *Man driving stolen red MINI Cooper with white top, MD tag 4BZ1261*

Howard County police are searching for a suspect who robbed a Columbia gas station today and then carjacked a getaway vehicle.

Police were called to the Crown station in the 6300 block of Dobbin Road in Columbia around 10:45 a.m. for an armed robbery. The clerk reported that a man wearing a gray hoodie and gray pants, of unknown race, entered the store, displayed a handgun and demanded money. The suspect stole cash and fled in a car that had been previously reported stolen in another county.

A few minutes after the robbery, police received a call at the intersection of Dobbin Road and Old Dobbin Lane in Columbia for a carjacking involving the same suspect.

Detectives believe the suspect struck another vehicle while driving from the robbery scene. According to witnesses, the suspect exited his car, pointed a gun at the woman driving the other vehicle and demanded her car. The suspect drove off in the woman's red MINI Cooper with a white top, MD tag 4BZ1261, with front-end damage. Police are actively searching for the car at this time.

No one was injured in either incident. Anyone who spots the vehicle or has any other information should call 911.

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