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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police file for charges against D.C. man in Columbia road rage incident** *Suspect fired shot, victim uninjured*

Howard County police have filed for charges against a Washington, D.C., man in a road rage incident in which he fired a handgun at another driver Monday morning. No one was injured.

Leon Von Woods, 34, of 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, is being charged with attempted murder, assault and firearms violations following an incident May 16 in which he shot at a passing car, striking the driver's side door.

Around 6:15 a.m., a driver called 911 to report that a dark Chrysler 300 with chrome rims had been driving erratically on westbound Rt. 100 to Rt. 108 in Columbia. He reported that the driver of the Chrysler pulled up next to his driver's side window, pulled out a handgun and fired once, striking the driver's door panel. The victim was not struck.

Investigators obtained a description of the suspect and the vehicle. Last night, Howard County police were contacted by Harford County sheriff's deputies who reported that they had a suspect in custody in an unrelated case who matched the suspect's description. The suspect, identified as Woods, was armed and driving a dark Chrysler 300 with chrome wheels when he was arrested in Harford County.

Through investigation, Howard County police determined that Woods was the suspect in the Columbia road rage incident.

Woods is currently being held without bond in Harford County. He will also face charges in Howard County and is expected to be served with those charging documents while he remains in custody.

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