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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Man charged with nine commercial burglaries in Columbia**

Howard County police have charged a man with committing nine commercial burglaries targeting medical office suites in Columbia, including breaking into the same building on three occasions.

Michael James Trefry, 58, of Blacksnake Drive in Temple Hills, is charged with 41 counts of burglary, theft, and destruction of property in the nine cases, which spanned from May to July. He is being held in a neighboring jurisdiction and the Howard County charges have been placed as a detainer. If he is scheduled for release, he will be immediately taken into custody on the Howard County charges.

Police believe Trefry broke into the Century Plaza office building in the 10600 block of Little Patuxent Parkway three times – on June 6, July 11, and July 24. Once inside, he entered several medical office suites by prying open the doors. He entered Dental One Associates of Columbia on all three occasions and stole a safe containing cash once. He entered Elite Chiropractic & Sport twice and stole cash on one occasion. He also entered Shady Grove Fertility and Elegant Dental Care and stole cash from each. He attempted to enter Integrative Family Medicine but was unsuccessful.

Police also charged Trefry in a May 25 burglary of an office building in the 10700 block of Charter Drive. He broke into the building and attempted to enter several medical office suites by prying open the doors, but was unsuccessful. Nothing was stolen.

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