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Police identify suspects charged in armed robbery of grocery store *Both suspects also charged in Dec. 18 robbery of same store*

Police are identifying the two suspects charged in the armed robbery of Weis Market in Woodstock yesterday morning. Both suspects are also being charged in a similar incident that occurred on Dec. 18 at the same store. Additional suspects remain outstanding.

Kendell Alexander, 33, of N. Glover Street in Baltimore, and Dajuan Bonaparte, 19, of N. Luzerne Avenue in Baltimore are both charged with multiple counts of armed robbery, robbery, theft, and assault. They are being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

On Dec. 28 at approximately 6:28 a.m., suspects entered the grocery store in the 10800 block of Birmingham Way, approached employees and demanded cash. The employees complied and the suspects fled. No one was injured. Two of the suspects were armed with handguns.

With assistance from a Howard County Sheriff's deputy who was in the area, police located the suspect vehicle, a gray Nissan Altima, leaving the shopping center and pursued the vehicle into Baltimore County.

With assistance from Baltimore County police, two suspects were taken into custody after the vehicle came to a stop near the area of Bloomsbury Avenue and Montemar Avenue in Catonsville. Police do not believe the outstanding suspects remained in the immediate area.

Further investigation has led detectives to believe that as many as five suspects were involved in the Dec. 28 robbery.

In the Dec. 18 robbery, three suspects entered the store at approximately 6:37 a.m. and displayed guns. The suspects took cash from multiple cash drawers and fled. No one was injured.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information should contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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