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### **Howard County police charge man with multiple burglaries**

Howard County police have charged a Baltimore man with multiple residential burglaries. Cornelius Antonio McRae, 19, of 3037 Janice Ave. in Baltimore, was charged with burglary, theft and credit card fraud. He faces similar charges in other counties.

Police responded to three burglaries between Dec. 18 and Jan. 8 in Ellicott City. In these incidents, a suspect entered the victims' homes through an unlocked garage door, gained entry to the interior of the homes and stole money, credit cards and electronics.

Detectives tracked fraudulent transactions made with stolen credit cards and obtained surveillance videos from a gas station and McDonald's restaurant in Baltimore. The investigators observed a license plate number and researched the vehicle, which was registered to a relative of McRae's serving in the military. Based on a previous burglary arrest, investigators suspected McRae, whom they learned had access to the vehicle.

Police learned that two weeks before the Ellicott City burglaries began, McRae had been released from Anne Arundel County for a burglary conviction.

In February, detectives observed McRae at his residence exiting a car that had been stolen from Anne Arundel County the prior day. Howard County police provided information to Anne Arundel County police, who arrested McRae on Feb. 15. Evidence obtained when searching the stolen vehicle linked McRae to additional burglaries.

Howard County detectives searched the vehicle observed in the surveillance videos, recovering further evidence linking McRae to the Ellicott City burglaries. Howard County police executed a search warrant at his home and obtained more evidence relating to the burglaries.

Howard County police charged McRae with nine counts of burglary, five counts of theft and four counts of credit card fraud. He is being held at Anne Arundel County Detention Center on a combined \$1.5 million bond, facing charges in Howard, Anne Arundel and other counties. Detectives are working with other jurisdictions and continue to investigate McRae's involvement in additional burglaries.

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