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Police charge Elkridge man for attempting to murder girlfriend

Howard County police today charged an Elkridge man with attempted second-degree murder, assault and other charges for an attack on his girlfriend late Saturday night.

Police responded to the area of Old Washington Road in Elkridge around 11 p.m. after receiving an unknown trouble call from a cell phone during which the dispatcher overheard intense arguing and threats.

Officers conducted area checks and located a residence where screaming could be heard. Police used forced entry to enter the residence and located a female victim and a male suspect, Donald Joseph Scallio, 43, of the 6000 block of Old Washington Road. Scallio was taken into custody following a brief struggle.

Police believe Scallio had recently been kicked out of his girlfriend's residence and returned to the residence to confront her. Police believe he forced entry into the home, prevented the victim from leaving, seriously assaulted her and threatened to kill her.

The victim, a 47-year-old female, was evaluated by emergency personnel but declined further medical treatment.

Scallio faces charges of attempted second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, false imprisonment and resisting arrest. He is being held at the Howard County Detention Center without bond.

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