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Police make arrests in two unrelated armed robberies

Howard County police have made arrests in two unrelated armed robberies that occurred last month.

In the first case, police have charged Alejandro Valentin Char, 20, of 2921 Summer Hill Drive in West Friendship, with an attempted armed robbery of a liquor store in West Friendship.

Police were called to Friendship Liquors in the 12800 block of Frederick Road in West Friendship for an attempted armed robbery on Aug. 27 at approximately 8 p.m.

The suspect approached the clerk, displayed a knife and demanded money. A customer confronted the suspect and told him to leave, after which the suspect fled. Police spoke to a witness who was familiar with the suspect and had seen him at the location on the night of the incident. Through investigative efforts, police confirmed Char as the perpetrator and arrested him on Sept. 1.

Char faces charges for attempted armed robbery, attempted robbery, first- and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment. He is being held on no bond at Howard County Detention Center.

In the second case, police have charged Rashad Saeed Campbell, 22, of 176 Lauren Drive in Laurel, and a juvenile male, 17, of Baltimore, for an armed robbery on an Elkrigde footpath.

Police were called to the 6700 block of Old Waterloo Road by two victims of an armed robbery on Aug. 18 at approximately 8:30 p.m. The victims, two teen males, were walking on a footpath near their homes when they were approached by a known suspect and an unknown suspect. The suspects struck the victims with their fists, threatened to strike them with a glass bottle and stole a cell phone and hat. Through investigative efforts, detectives identified Campbell and the juvenile as the suspects.

Both suspects face 10 charges, including armed robbery, first- and second-degree assault and theft. The juvenile was arrested Aug. 26 and will face charges in juvenile court. Campbell was arrested Aug. 27 and is being held on \$25,000 bond at Howard County Detention Center.

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