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Police arrest two Laurel teens in attempted murder, robbery of cab driver

Howard County police have charged two Laurel teenagers as adults in the beating and robbery of a cab driver earlier this month. Justin Bridges, 16, and his brother Jeremiah Bridges, 17, both of 9201 Van Fleet Court, were charged yesterday with attempted murder, robbery and assault.

Police were called Sept. 13 just after midnight to the 9100 block of Bourbon Street for a robbery report. Upon arrival they found the victim, Getachew Lima, of Washington, D.C., with multiple injuries. Lima, a cab driver, reported that two teens had requested a ride to Laurel from the Greenbelt metro station. He told police that when the cab arrived at the destination, the teens began choking and beating him. During the assault, the suspects stole cash from the victim's pocket. Lima is recovering from his injuries.

Through investigation, detectives identified the Bridges brothers as suspects. Yesterday, Jeremiah Bridges was arrested at home and Justin Bridges was arrested at a residence in Ft. Washington, both without incident. Each is being held at the Howard County Detention Center on \$500,000 bond.

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