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Police Charge Columbia Man in Homicide

Investigators Offering Reward up to \$2,500 for Additional Information

Howard County police have charged a local man in a Columbia homicide that occurred Wednesday night. Evan Marcel Gaines, 18, of 9804 Softwater Way in Columbia, was charged late this afternoon in the murder of Tamba Karmor Nyorkor, 26. Nyorkor was found inside his residence around 7:30 p.m. dead from a gunshot wound.

Detectives interviewed witnesses who identified Gaines as the shooter. The investigators believe Gaines was an acquaintance of Nyorkor's who visited the apartment often. They are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

Police were called to the 9700 block of Clocktower Lane when a friend visiting Nyorkor's apartment called 911 to report that he appeared to be injured. Paramedics and police arrived and pronounced Nyorkor dead at the scene.

Gaines has been charged with first- and second-degree murder, first-degree assault and handgun violations.

At this time, investigators are continuing to investigate the details of the case. Anyone with information may be eligible for a reward up to \$2,500 and should call police at 410-313-3200.

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