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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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16-year old Boy Sexually Assaulted, Police Seek Suspect *Suspect Photo Released to Aid in Identification*

Howard County Police are releasing the photo of a suspect believed to have sexually assaulted a 16-year-old boy at knifepoint earlier this week.

Police responded to a restaurant in the area of the Jessup Truck Stop Wednesday night around 8 p.m. after receiving a report that a boy had been sexually assaulted in the bathroom. The boy reported that when he attempted to exit the bathroom, a male suspect who was also in the room restrained him, displayed a knife and committed several sexual acts upon him. The man then immediately left the restaurant. The boy exited and called police.

The man is described as a **white male, approximately 30-40 years old. Police are releasing a photograph of the suspect in hopes that he will be identified.**

Police believe that the suspect may be a truck driver, and could be traveling throughout the nation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact police at 410-313-3200.

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Editor's note: See attached photo



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