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Police Charge Man with Multiple Burglaries, Theft of Women's Underwear

Howard County police have charged a Hanover man with breaking into numerous apartments in Ellicott City to steal valuables and women's undergarments. Brian Eui Hong, 23, of 6058 Adcock Lane, was charged with burglarizing nine apartments since early September.

Police received multiple reports of apartment break-ins in the Town and Country complex on Town and Country Blvd. between Sept. 2 and Oct. 15. Residents reported various valuables stolen, including jewelry, credit cards, clothing, electronics and cash. In each case, residents reported that large quantities of women's underwear also had been taken.

In two cases, residents reported seeing a man matching Hong's description peeping through windows. In another case, detectives believe Hong stole a car after committing a burglary.

Detectives investigating the cases determined that a victim's stolen credit card was used at an Exxon gas station on Montgomery Rd. in Ellicott City. Police reviewed surveillance video from the station and saw a man in a distinctive car, a silver Toyota MR2 Spyder convertible with a black top, using the card. The video did not show the car's tag number, but detectives advised patrol officers to be on the lookout for the car.

Days later, an officer spotted the Toyota in Ellicott City. When the officer approached the car, the driver sped off. The officer obtained a tag number and turned the information over to detectives who tracked down Hong as the driver.

Hong was arrested Oct. 16 during a traffic stop at Rt. 1 and Levering Ave. in Elkrigde. Police executed a search warrant at his home and recovered property stolen in the break-ins. He was charged Oct. 17 in some of the cases and charged with additional crimes Oct. 22.

Hong is facing 24 counts of burglary, 14 counts of theft, 14 counts of credit card crimes, nine counts of destruction of property, two counts of peeping tom and one count of auto theft. He is being held at the Howard County Detention Center on \$198,000 bond.

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