



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Vandals slash dozens of tires in Hickory Ridge**

*Reward of up to \$300 offered for information*

Howard County police are investigating destruction of property in the Clemens Crossing neighborhood of Hickory Ridge, where approximately 50 residents discovered their tires were slashed and/or punctured early this morning.

The destruction of property occurred between midnight and 6 a.m. on roads in the Columbia neighborhood of Hickory Ridge, including Blue Arrow Court, Eclipse Way, Fair Oaks, Quarter Staff Road and White Washer Way. The majority of the affected vehicles were parked on the street.

At this time, police believe this is an isolated incident and juveniles familiar with the neighborhood may be responsible for the vandalism. A reward of up to \$300 is being offered to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest of a suspect.

Howard County police will be out in force this evening to help ensure a safe and fun Halloween holiday for residents. Officers will target residential neighborhoods to be visible to citizens and make sure children stay safe. Officers will conduct speed enforcement activities and be on the lookout for drunk or impaired drivers. They also will be alert for vandalism, theft and destruction of property.

Police encourage anyone with information to call 410-313-3700. Callers may remain anonymous.

***Note: An initial release mistakenly identified the village where Clemens Crossing is located. This version is corrected.***

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