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Store Clerk Shot in Columbia

*Detectives Looking into Possible Link to Two Earlier Robberies,
Releasing Photos, Increasing Reward to \$2,500*

Howard County police are releasing photos of two men who have robbed two convenience stores in the last 10 days and may be responsible for the shooting of a clerk last night in a third case.

The two suspects entered the Exxon in the 10100 block of Little Patuxent Parkway around midnight. They approached the counter as if preparing to make a purchase. One of the suspects took out a gun and shot at the clerk, a 41-year-old man from Columbia. The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries was taken to Shock Trauma for treatment. Police are not releasing the location of the victim's injuries and do not have photos to release from this incident.

Two suspects matching last night's description entered the Harwood convenience store in the 6600 block of Washington Blvd. Oct. 11 around 6:20 p.m. They announced a robbery and each displayed a handgun. Eight people were inside the store, including employees and customers. The suspects took cash and fled. No one was seriously injured.

Last week, the same two suspects entered the 2-Go store in the 9000 block of Washington Blvd. Oct. 5 around 6:40 p.m.. They announced a robbery and each displayed a handgun. A clerk and four customers were inside the store at the time of the incident. The suspects took cash and fled. No one was injured.

Police are releasing photos of the two men from the recent robberies. Detectives are still working to determine if the same men are responsible for last night's shooting.

Anyone with information should call police at 410-313-3200. Investigators are offering an increased reward up to \$2,500 for information leading to an arrest.

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