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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Police Investigating Death of Man Found In Wooded Area**

Howard County Police are investigating the death of an adult black male found in a rural area in Highland yesterday evening. At this time, the victim is being identified only as a 26-year old man from Washington, D.C.

The victim's body was located in a heavily wooded area on Browns Bridge Road near a bridge at the Howard County/Montgomery County lines. The cause of death is by at least one gunshot wound. It is believed that the victim had been dead for several hours.

On Saturday, October 5, at about 7:30 p.m., a fisherman walking from the banks of the Patuxent River up through a wooded area towards Browns Bridge Road found the body in the woods. The body was located several feet from the roadway in thick, dense woods. The citizen called 911 and was connected with the Montgomery County Police. After Montgomery County Police arrived at the scene, the officer notified Howard County Police to respond as the body was actually on the Howard County side of the bridge.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) joined both police departments at the scene. Members from all three agencies determined that although this investigation is in the preliminary stages, there is nothing to indicate that this incident is in any way related to the recent string of shootings in Montgomery County. Investigators indicated there were no similarities or patterns to this victim that would link his death to the deaths of the other victims in Montgomery County.

Investigators attempted to notify the victim's next of kin, however, they were unsuccessful. The identity of the victim will not be released until family members are notified.

This investigation is continuing. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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