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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Arrest Suspect in Abduction Attempt**

Howard County police have charged a suspect in Thursday night's attempted abduction in Woodstock. Police issued an arrest warrant late yesterday for Ralph Marion Debaufre, Jr., 50 (DOB: 6-1-55) of 6512 White Rock Rd. in Sykesville and a lookout was issued for his red pickup truck. Debaufre was located and arrested early this morning in Anne Arundel County.

A woman loading groceries into her car around 10 p.m. Thursday night at the Weis Market in the Waverly Woods Village Center reported that she was approached from behind by a man. She told police the man struck her and tried to force her into her car. She fought him off and the man fled in a red pickup truck. Witnesses at the scene took down the truck's tag number and reported it to police.

Police investigated the tag number and were lead to Debaufre, who matched the suspect's description. After gathering additional information and evidence, police issued a warrant for Debaufre's arrest.

Debaufre was charged with false imprisonment, attempted kidnapping, reckless endangerment and first and second degree assault. He is being held on \$100,000 bond.

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