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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Young Adult Charged in Accidental Shooting**

Howard County Police have charged 18yr old Benjamin Mark Allen, of Woodbine with Reckless Endangerment and Discharge of a Gun in connection with the July 6 shooting of Katie Weyer.

On July 6 at approximately 4:28 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Iron Rail Court after receiving a call of a subject being shot. Police discovered the victim in a first floor bathroom who appeared to have sustained a gunshot wound to the upper right chest area. Investigation revealed Benjamin Mark Allen, age 18, and resident of the home, accessed a locked safe and retrieved a small caliber handgun. The .22 caliber revolver was discharged by Allen, striking the victim who was standing in a powder room, about 7 feet away. Police investigators found no criminal intent in shooting.

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