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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Howard County Police Warn of Airbag Thefts**

Howard County Police are alerting citizens to a recent rash of airbag thefts from vehicles throughout the county. Since early September, there have been approximately 30 of these cases reported to police. In all of the cases, airbags have been stolen from vehicles and in some cases, other property such as stereos and money have been taken. All cases appear to be happening overnight.

The department has increased patrols in targeted areas, including parking lots of apartment complexes and townhouse communities. Detectives are reminding citizens to park in well-lit areas and not to leave property, such as purses, wallets, and CDs, visible in their cars. Investigators also are reminding citizens to call police immediately if they see anyone acting suspiciously in their community parking areas.

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