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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Confirm Identity of Man Found Dead in Woods**

Howard County Police have confirmed the identity of a man found dead in a wooded area in Columbia last night. Detectives learned through fingerprints that the victim is 19-year-old Wasel Ali of the 8800 block of Warm Granite in Columbia.

Ali was reported missing by a family member Aug. 22. Police were investigating his disappearance as a missing person case.

Detectives are awaiting autopsy results to determine Ali's cause of death. Police are continuing to investigate to determine if the death is suspicious.

A man found Ali's body at 5:44 p.m. as he walked along a path in the woods near the 12200 block of Green Meadow.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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