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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **\$5,000 Reward Offered in Arson Case**

Howard County Police are investigating the recent arson of a vehicle in the driveway of a home in Ellicott City. The victim is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the crime.

The residents of the home, which is in the 4600 block of Chatsworth Way, called 911 after discovering the vehicle on fire. The Howard County Fire Department and Police Department responded and began an arson investigation.

Through preliminary investigation, detectives believe the fire was intentionally set. The car, a Volkswagen Golf, was destroyed as a result of the incident. It is most often driven by a teenager who resides at the home.

Anyone with information is urged to call Howard County Police at (410) 313-3200. Callers may be eligible for the \$5,000 reward.

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*Editor's Note: Photos of the vehicle were sent via e-mail to media outlets throughout the region.*