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Police Charge Two Suspects in Hate Bias Incidents

Howard County police charged two juveniles last night for a series of hate bias incidents that occurred in Elkridge earlier this month. The two suspects, both 14-year-old boys from Elkridge, each were charged with 10 counts of destruction of property, 10 counts of committing a property crime for ethnic reasons and one count of conspiracy to commit a crime.

During the early morning hours of Dec. 1, several vehicles and garage doors in Elkridge were spray painted with swastikas. Police canvassed the area with flyers and asked the public for help in identifying the suspects.

Detectives received a tip that assisted them in the investigation and led to the arrest of the suspects yesterday. Both juveniles will await appropriate action from the juvenile system.

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