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Police Charge Two Suspects in Destruction of Political Sign

Howard County Police arrested a husband and wife over the weekend for the destruction of a political sign in Ellicott City. Peter Lizon, 30, and Stephanie Louise Lizon, 34, of 4 Valdivia Ct. in Randallstown, were charged with destruction of property after police observed them cutting down a Bush-Chaney sign on Route 40 during a surveillance operation.

Over the last few weeks, a number of Republican political signs have been vandalized in Ellicott City, many along the Route 40 corridor. Police set up a surveillance operation last week and observed Cory Robert Cooke, 33, of the 3600 block of Fels Lane in Ellicott City, cutting down a Bush-Chaney sign. Following Cooke's arrest, another sign was destroyed, so police continued the surveillance operation. Over the weekend, they observed the Lizons cutting a Bush sign on Route 40. They were arrested immediately.

Police are continuing to investigate other similar cases, including signs that were cut, painted and, in once case, burned. It is unknown at this time whether Cooke or the Lizons will face additional charges, but the investigation is continuing.

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