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Suspect Arrested in Three Convenience Store Robberies

Howard County Police have arrested a suspect who is charged with robbing three convenience stores in two days last week. Alejandro Char, 18, of 2921 Summer Hill Drive in West Friendship, is charged with robbing the same Columbia Exxon store twice and another Exxon store in Laurel.

The first incident occurred Oct. 23 in the 7200 block of Eden Brook Drive when a man entered the Exxon around 2:05 a.m. He displayed a handgun, took cash and left in an unknown direction. No one was injured.

The same suspect robbed the Exxon store in the 7500 block of Montpelier Rd. Oct. 24 at 2 a.m. He displayed a handgun, took cash and left in an unknown direction. No one was injured. Later the same day, at around 10 p.m., the suspect again robbed the Exxon in the 7200 block of Eden Brook Drive, using the same methods. No one was injured.

During the investigation, police received information that Char was involved in all three robberies. Detectives pursued that lead, gathered evidence and arrested Char Oct. 27 at his home without incident. He is charged with three counts each of armed robbery, robbery, first and second degree assault and theft.

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