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Police Capture Final Sex Offender Registry Violator; Karen Hammond Arrested on Five Warrants

The Howard County Police Department has located sex offender Karen Hammond, 49, who was the last remaining offender in violation of Howard County's registry requirements. Detectives found Hammond yesterday living under a fake name in a motel in Williamsport, Md., Washington County.

Investigators have been following leads in Washington and Allegany Counties in recent weeks. Information obtained yesterday led them to Hammond in the late afternoon. Detectives served five warrants on Hammond: one for the sex offender registry violation, another for a drug charge, and three warrants for failure to appear in court. She is being held in the Howard County Detention Center without bail.

The police department set forth an effort in July to ensure that all registered sex offenders were complying with registry requirements. As a follow-up to that effort, Howard County detectives conducted several spot-checks at registered offenders' homes during the first week of November. Four offenders were found to be in violation at that time. Police quickly arrested three, but Karen Hammond remained at-large until yesterday's arrest.

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