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Police Investigating Hate-Bias Incidents

\$300 Reward Offered for Information on Suspects

Howard County Police are currently investigating several hate-bias crimes that took place in Elkridge last night. At least ten homes or vehicles were spray painted with swastikas, and police are offering \$300 to anyone who may have information about the person or people responsible. Investigators believe no one was targeted and that the graffiti was sprayed randomly.

Police initially responded after a citizen called to report that her vehicle had been spray painted overnight, but discovered that several other vehicles as well as garage doors in the area had also been victimized in the same manner. Victims were located on Ducketts Lane, Kyle Leaf Court, Lori Lane and Karas Walk.

Police believe that the spray painting took place sometime between 10 p.m. on Nov. 30 and 5:30 this morning.

Due to the number of victims in this case, police believe that someone may have seen the suspects in the area where the vandalism occurred and are asking those with information to call police at 410-313-3200.

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