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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Howard County Police and NAACP to Denounce Hate Crime

Who: G. Wayne Livesay, Chief of Police
Jenkins Odoms, Howard County NAACP

When: Thursday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Howard County Police Headquarters
3410 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, Md.

The Howard County Police Department and the Howard County chapter of the NAACP will hold a news conference today at police headquarters to denounce an apparent hate crime that was reported yesterday afternoon.

Police were called to the 10200 block of New Forest Ct. in Ellicott City yesterday to investigate what appeared to be a hate crime. The caller reported that grass in his front yard had been destroyed in the shape of a cross. Through preliminary investigation, investigators believe the symbol may have been created using a chemical or weed killer.

The police department is actively investigating this incident and will answer questions at the news conference this afternoon. Interviews will not be granted prior to the news conference.

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