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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Police Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Robbery Suspect

Reward being offered for information leading to Arrest

The Howard County Police Department is seeking the public's assistance identifying in a suspect believed to have committed two armed robberies of High's Stores this week. Police are releasing surveillance camera photos of the suspect and vehicle and are hopeful someone will come forward with information. Anyone with information should contact Howard County Police robbery unit at 410-313-3200.

Investigators believe the same suspect is responsible for the robbery of a High's on Maryland Route 144 in West Friendship on Monday evening, and an attempt robbery of a second High's store on Maryland Route 40 in Ellicott City on Thursday evening. Police believe the crimes are linked due to similar methods of operation, descriptions from victims, and surveillance photos.

In both robberies the suspect used a dark colored handgun, and a handkerchief or bandana to cover his face. Descriptions of the suspect by victims and witnesses are almost identical and photos taken appear to be the same man.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20's, 6'0" – 6'1" in height, clean shaven, stubby short dark hair, worn blue jeans and displayed a black handgun.

Metro Crime Stoppers are offering cash reward of **up to \$2000** for information leading to the arrest or indictment of the suspect in this incident. You are not required to reveal your identity to be eligible for the reward. **METRO CRIME STOPPERS – 410-276-8888 or TOLL FREE 1-866-7LOCKUP.**

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