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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Howard County Police Increase Area Patrols *Effort Continues to Locate Shooting Suspect(s)***

The Howard County Police Department has increased area patrols in response to the recent shootings in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Additional officers have been assigned to patrol throughout the county. Officers are being assigned to every public school in Howard County as a visual presence and as an immediate response resource.

The Howard County Police Department is in the process of deploying off-duty officers and essential civilian support staff to assist in this ongoing investigative effort.

The Howard County Board of Education has informed the police department that all Howard County Public Schools will be dismissed on time today. With the exception of after-school care, all other afternoon and evening activities planned for all Howard County Public Schools have been cancelled.

The Howard County Police Department wants to emphasize that no incidents similar to those that occurred in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties have occurred in Howard County. There are no credible indications that the shooter(s) are currently in Howard County.

The Howard County Police Department is urging all citizens not to panic, however, all reasonable precautions should be utilized and citizens are being asked to be aware of their surroundings.

Citizens are advised to call 911 to report any suspicious activity that is believed to related to the incidents in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

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