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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Arrest Warrant Issued for Second Suspect in Howard County Shooting**

An arrest warrant has been issued for a second suspect in Wednesday's homicide of Jessup business owner Kwang Jun Kim. Reginald Venable, Jr., 46 (DOB: 3/3/57), of 826 East 33rd St. in Baltimore, is wanted in connection with the murder. He remains hospitalized in critical condition and is under guard by Howard County police.

Yesterday, police charged Walter Blannon, 38 (DOB: 9/9/65), of 1619 Calvert Street in Baltimore, with first degree murder, robbery and assault in the same case.

Venable's arrest warrant was issued for a shooting incident at Jessup Plaza Wednesday morning. Kim, the owner of the Jessup Deli, was shot outside the business at around 11:30 a.m. as he carried two bank bags of cash.

A witness provided police with the suspect's vehicle description and tag number. A Howard County police officer spotted the vehicle minutes after the shooting traveling east on Rt. 40. The officer called for police assistance and attempted to make a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle refused to stop and continued into Baltimore County. Baltimore County police officers responded to offer assistance.

The pursuit traveled through Baltimore County into Baltimore and ended near S. Athol Avenue when the suspect's vehicle struck a stone pillar. Baltimore County Police initiated the apprehension of Venable and Blannon inside the car. According to the Baltimore Police Department, Venable was shot by an officer during the apprehension.

The investigation is continuing. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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