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Police Identify Body of Woman Discovered in Woods

Howard County Police have identified the body of a woman discovered in Ellicott City Friday as 21-year-old Lauren Allen Jordan of the 2800 block of Quail Creek Ct. A group of young people found Jordan's body in a wooded area behind her neighborhood around 4 p.m. and contacted police.

Detectives responded to the scene and discovered alcohol and pills near Jordan's body. Preliminary autopsy findings show no signs of foul play or serious injuries. Police expect to receive the results of a toxicology screen in the next few weeks.

Police received a report from Jordan's family Sept. 20 that she had been missing for two days. Officers began a search and issued a briefing notice for all officers to be on the lookout for Jordan. Investigating officers entered Jordan into a national database as a missing person and sent a teletype to neighboring police jurisdictions with Jordan's description. Officers also contacted local hospitals, detention centers and morgues searching for an unidentified female who might match Jordan's description.

The preliminary autopsy findings reveal that Jordan likely died in the woods soon after her disappearance.

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