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### **Suspect Identified in Columbia Shooting Found Murdered in City**

Howard County police have determined that a suspect wanted for a Nov. 4 shooting in Columbia was found murdered in Baltimore the next day.

Police obtained an arrest warrant late last week for Justin Owens of the 2700 block of Kirkwood Place in Hyattsville for shooting and injuring a man in the Wilde Lake area. Owens' body was found Nov. 5 in the 4800 block of Melbourne Road in Baltimore with a fatal gunshot wound.

The victim in the Columbia shooting, Ata Caillet, 31, of Windsor Mill, reported that a man approached him as he left a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in the 5400 block of Lynx Lane and shot him. He was flown to shock trauma with a gunshot wound to the upper body and was later released.

Through investigation, police developed probable cause to arrest Owens for the shooting. After obtaining an arrest warrant, detectives learned Owens had been killed. Police believe Caillet and Owens knew one another and do not believe the shooting was a random incident. Detectives are continuing to investigate both cases.

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