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Police Charge Suspect in Columbia Shooting

Howard County Police have charged a suspect in a shooting that occurred in Columbia Tuesday evening. Sedrick "Rico" Legaspi, 22, of 5971 Grand Banks Road in Columbia, was charged today with attempted first and second-degree murder, first and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and a handgun violation. He was arrested as he was being released from Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Police were called to the 6100 block of Turnabout Lane at 10:14 p.m. Tuesday for a report that a man had been shot. Upon arrival, officers found 17-year-old Melvin Sanchez of Columbia with a gunshot wound to the lower body. Police also located Legaspi a short distance away on Berrypick Lane with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Investigators believe there may have been an ongoing dispute between Legaspi and Sanchez. After investigation, police believe Legaspi shot Sanchez, then accidentally shot himself as he fled from the scene. Police discovered two handguns hidden near the scene.

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