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Police Charge Man with Raping Teen in Motel

Howard County Police arrested a 33-year-old man Saturday after receiving a report that a 16-year-old girl had been raped at the Cedar Motel in Jessup. Thomas Andrew Woodson, of no fixed address, was charged with rape, first and second degree assault, false imprisonment and making a false statement to police.

Two teenage boys, ages 18 and 17, and a 16-year-old girl rented a room at the motel Friday night. According to the teens, an unknown man entered the room through an open door at approximately 4 a.m. Saturday. They reported that the man displayed a knife and told one of the boys to go into the bathroom. He forced the girl and the other boy to perform sex acts with one another. The teens reported that the suspect then raped the girl.

The man left the room and the teens called 911. Police arrived and located a man who met the suspect's description on a pay phone near the motel. The man was identified as Woodson and arrested.

The investigation is continuing.

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