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Police Attempt to Identify Victims in Scam Operation

Howard County Police are warning residents of a scam operation in which two suspects are taking deposit checks for a fake tree removal service. Investigators are urging anyone who may have been a victim to contact police at 410-313-3200.

Police received a report on August 14 from an Ellicott City resident who said the suspects, one male and one female, came to his home to offer tree removal services. The suspects presented the victim with a contract and collected a deposit. The suspects never returned to do the work.

Investigators have identified three victims from Ellicott City and Columbia who have been targeted by these suspects. Police believe there may be additional victims and are asking anyone with information to come forward.

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