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Police Arrest Suspect in Sexual Assault of Child

Howard County Police arrested a suspect late this afternoon in the sexual assault of a 5-year-old girl. Police will not identify the suspect at this time, but will release additional information as soon as possible.

Police received a report yesterday that a 5-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a stranger Sunday afternoon. Police were contacted by the child's parents after the girl told them about the incident.

The child reported to police that she and her brother were riding bikes at Jackson Pond in the Long Reach area of Columbia when they were approached by an unknown man around 2:00 p.m. The girl told detectives that the man distracted her brother by inviting him to fish and then took her to a nearby secluded area where he sexually assaulted her.

Additional information will be released as soon as it is available.

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