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Police Investigating Sexual Assaults of Young Men *Detectives Believe Two Cases May Be Linked*

Howard County Police are investigating two similar reports of sex offenses committed against young men in the Highland community.

Police received the first report Monday evening when a 22-year-old man told police that he had been approached by an unknown man at around 7:30 p.m. Saturday while jogging on Rt. 216 near Browns Bridge Rd. The victim reported that the man stopped his car and engaged the victim in conversation. The victim entered the vehicle and the driver touched him inappropriately in the car. The victim was not physically injured.

Police received a similar report yesterday when a 19-year-old man, who is a special-education student at River Hill High School, reported that he had been picked up by an unknown man at around 7 a.m. as he waited for the school bus on Brighten Dam Rd. The victim told detectives that the man drove him to the parking lot of River Hill High School, parked in an inconspicuous area and touched him inappropriately. The victim exited the car, walked into the school and reported the incident to the school resource officer. He was not physically injured.

The subject is described as a white male in his late 20s to early 30s, driving a small to mid-sized blue car. Police have increased patrols throughout the area and are asking residents to be aware of anything that appears suspicious. Anyone with information should call police at (410) 313-3200.

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