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Four Sex Offenders Wanted for Registry Violations *Howard County Police Conducted Follow-up Investigation*

The Howard County Police Department is actively searching for four sex offenders who are wanted for failing to comply with Howard County's registry laws. Karen Hammond, 49, Craig Wallace, 37, Russell Cade, 47, and Robert Brown, 61, each were found to be in violation during a recent check by Howard County detectives.

The police department set forth an effort in July with the goal of having 100 percent compliance with the sex offender registry requirements. As a follow-up to that effort, Howard County detectives conducted several spot-checks at registered offenders' homes during the first week of November. Police focused on 23 of Howard County's new offenders, violent offenders and offenders who have violated registry laws in the past.

Detectives found that Brown and Cade, both of whom were arrested in August for providing incorrect address information, had again failed to provide correct addresses to authorities as the law requires. Wallace, a new offender living in Howard County, also was found to have violated registry laws by providing an incorrect address.

Hammond, who still has an outstanding warrant from the first check in July, has not yet been located. Police believe she may have fled Maryland.

Police are asking anyone with information on the whereabouts of these offenders to call police immediately at 410-313-2929.

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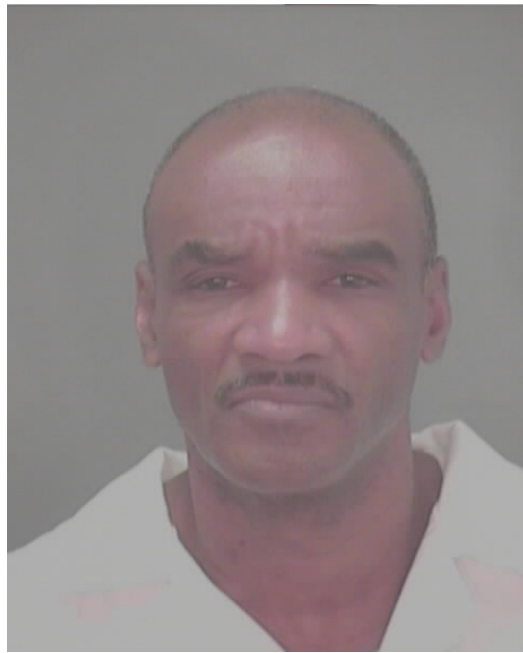
Editor's Note: Photos of the suspects have been e-mailed to media outlets in the region and are available on the Howard County Police Department's Web site, www.HCPD.org.



Robert William Brown



Karen Diane Hammond



Russell Wade Cade



Craig Orlando Wallace