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Howard County Police Investigating Sex Offense in Columbia *Police Release Composite Sketch of Suspect, Offer \$1,000 Reward*

The Howard County Police Department is investigating a sex offense that took place earlier this week on a bike path in Columbia and releasing a composite sketch of the man responsible. Police are additionally offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the suspect's arrest.

Police responded to the bike path in the 6300 block of Tamar Drive around 2:50 p.m. after a 23-year old woman reported that a man had grabbed her from behind and fondled her. The suspect fled towards Tamar Drive after the incident was interrupted by a bicyclist on the path.

Police quickly developed a suspect in the case, but determined today that he was not responsible for the assault, which took place on Tuesday. Police are now releasing a composite sketch of the actual suspect in hopes that the public will be able to identify him.

The suspect is described as an Asian male, late 20's or early 30's, approximately 5'9" and 160 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. He was clean shaven and wearing glasses with thick black rims. He was wearing a red short sleeved polo shirt at the time of the incident.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding this incident to call 410-313-3200.

