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Howard County Police Investigating Sexual Assault in Elkridge *Police Release Composite Sketch of Suspect, Offer \$1,000 Reward*

The Howard County Police Department is investigating a sexual assault reported yesterday by a 12-year old girl in Elkridge. Detectives are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect from a composite sketch and are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to his arrest.

The girl told police that an unknown man approached her and two friends yesterday around 2 p.m. at a shopping center in the 6500 block of Waterloo Road. He struck up a conversation with the girls and told them he is selling magazines in the area.

The girls reported that they walked away from the man, but he followed them to a wooded area. Two of the girls, ages 12 and 13, were able to flee. The 12-year-old victim reported that the man forced her to engage in a sex act.

The two other girls returned with a group of friends to help the victim. The group confronted the man and he fled.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, in his late teens or early 20's, approximately 5'8"-5'10" tall and 150 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black New York Yankees baseball cap, a black t-shirt and khaki pants. He has a tattoo in the shape of a half-moon on his abdomen.

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

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