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Two Charged in Series of Shootings

Howard County Police arrested two Laurel men yesterday after linking them to a series of drive-by shootings in which no one was injured. James H. Brooks, 25, and Brian Larel Silas, 25, both of 12009 Pheasant Drive, each face charges of first degree assault and multiple weapons violations, and Brooks faces charges for possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony.

The shootings occurred in the 8900 blk. of Pembroke Woods Way on three separate occasions between June and September. During each incident, several shots were fired at the residence from a vehicle, some of which entered the residence through windows. No one was injured.

Investigators were led to Brooks and Silas after they traced a cell phone call that threatened another shooting. Police served a search warrant at Brooks' residence yesterday that resulted in the arrests.

Detectives believe the victim and suspects were involved in a drug dispute, and that the shootings took place in retaliation for an earlier unreported drug-related robbery.

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