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Police Arrest Imes for Double Stabbing *Suspect Charged with Attempted First Degree Murder*

Howard County Police arrested Gregory Imes today, who was wanted in the stabbings of two Columbia residents over the weekend. Imes, 26, of no fixed address, is charged with attempted first degree murder for critically wounding Reginald Crudup and Maria Elana Cokley, both 51.

Police were called to the 10300 block of Twin Rivers Rd. around 6:15 a.m. Sept. 27 and found the two victims suffering from multiple stab wounds upon arrival. Police believe Imes broke into the home and stabbed the victims in the master bedroom before fleeing. Both victims were taken to Shock Trauma by ambulance in critical condition. The hospital is declining to release updated information today on the victims' conditions due to family requests.

Police asked for the public's help in locating Imes and offered a \$5,000 reward for information. After receiving numerous tips, police were able to apprehend Imes today. He was arrested at a McDonald's restaurant in the 10000 block of Washington Blvd. in Laurel without incident. Detectives have continued the investigation throughout the day, serving search warrants and gathering information. Police are working to determine if anyone may be eligible to receive reward money in the case.

Investigators believe Imes is the former boyfriend of Cokley's daughter. They believe he broke in through a sliding glass door, confronted Crudup and Cokley, who were the only people home at the time, and fled. Officers recovered a knife at the scene.

Imes is charged with two counts each of attempted murder, first degree assault and reckless endangerment, as well as one count of first degree burglary.

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Editor's Note: Please note the corrected spelling of "Cokley."