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## HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Arrest Suspect in Elkridge Homicide**

Howard County police have arrested a suspect in an Elkridge homicide that occurred earlier this evening. Police are charging Adrian Maldonado, 22, of Storch Woods Dr. in Savage, with first degree murder and other charges in the stabbing death of an acquaintance.

Police were called to the Copper Stallion Motel in the 7600 block of Washington Blvd. around 6 p.m. for a report that a man had been stabbed. Officers located the victim, 39-year-old Marvin Walter Harding of Jessup, on the sidewalk near the motel. Harding was transported to Howard County General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators have learned that Harding and Maldonado, who knew one another, got into a physical altercation that led to the stabbing. Witnesses at the scene identified Maldonado as the suspect in the murder. He was picked up by a patrol officer after being spotted walking in the area of Washington Blvd. and Guilford Rd.

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*Editor's Note:* The police department's media office is closed for the evening and will re-open Thursday morning.