



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Police Searching for Suspect in Violent Street Robbery** *ATM Camera Captures Photo of Suspect*

Howard County Police are asking for the public's assistance in the search for a suspect who robbed and assaulted a woman in Columbia on Sunday. At approximately 5:40 p.m., a man approached the 58-year-old victim as she walked from the Giant food store in the Wilde Lake Village Center at 10451 Twin Rivers Rd. The suspect displayed a handgun, assaulted the victim and took her wallet. The victim was transported to Howard County General Hospital for treatment of injuries to her head.

Detectives obtained a photograph of the suspect as he unsuccessfully attempted to use the victim's ATM card at the Columbia Bank on Baltimore National Pike in Ellicott City. The bank's surveillance equipment indicates that the attempt was made minutes after the robbery. The suspect in the photo matches the robbery suspect's physical description.

**Suspect:** Black male, approximately 5'7", very heavy build, wearing dark-colored clothing

***Anyone with information concerning this robbery should contact the Howard County Police Department at (410) 313-3200.*** Metro Crime Stoppers offers a reward of up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the individual involved in this incident.

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**Editor's Note:** A photograph of the suspect has been sent via e-mail to media outlets throughout the region.





## INFORMATION WANTED



The Howard County Police Department is currently investigating an armed robbery/assault of a female subject on Sunday 12-22-2002 at 5:40 PM outside of the Giant at the Wilde Lake Village Center in Columbia. The suspect, who was in possession of a handgun, assaulted the female subject and subsequently took her wallet and fled the scene in a dark colored foreign type sedan (late 80's or early 90's model). The suspect (seen above) is described as a **black male, approximately 5'7" in height, heavy build, wearing dark colored "baggy" clothing.**

Information is requested pertaining to the identity of the above listed suspect and any other information related to the crime. The identity of the person(s) providing information will remain **Confidential** if requested. Please contact Detective Gordon Carpenter of the Howard County Police Department, Robbery Unit at 410-313-3329 with any information.

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**METRO-CRIME STOPPERS IS OFFERING A CASH REWARD OF UP TO \$2,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND INDICTMENT OF A SUSPECT IN THIS INCIDENT. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REWARD.**

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