



**HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Police Investigating Graffiti Incident
*\$300 Reward for Information***

Howard County Police are investigating an incident of graffiti discovered in an apartment complex in the 8800 block of Flowerstock Row in Columbia today. The graffiti was written on a door in a public area and made a threat to the safety of students at Howard High School. The threat was specific to Friday, Dec. 19.

As a result of the threat, Howard High School issued a letter to parents today advising that the school would be on "modified lockdown" tomorrow. The police department will have an increased presence at the school throughout the day.

Police are continuing to investigate this case and are offering a \$300 reward for information. Anyone with information should call Howard County Police at (410) 313-3200.

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