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Police Locate Suspect Wanted For Attempted Murder

After publicizing that a 55-year old man was wanted by Howard County Police for attempting to murder a 44-year old woman and her daughter outside their home Friday night, police announce that a tip led them to the suspect's capture.

Police announced early Sunday morning that they were searching for Raymond Watson after determining that he had assaulted a woman with a knife and crowbar when the woman exited her house. Watson had been hiding in bushes near the home waiting for the victim. When the victim's daughter attempted to intervene to save her mother, Watson turned the attack on her and then fled the area. The incident happened in the 9400 block of Loch Leven Court in Laurel.

Around 9 this evening, police received a tip on Watson's location. At approximately 9:30 p.m. police located Watson hiding under a bridge in the area of Stevens Forest Road and Woodside Court in Columbia. Police believe he had been hiding there since shortly after the incident.

Watson was arrested without incident and remains in the Howard County Detention Center on charges of attempted murder.

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