



# NEWS RELEASE

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Release: August 3, 2008  
8:15 a.m.

Contacts: Cpl. Jennifer Reidy  
After hours (410) 313-3200

### **Police Seek Man Wanted for the Attempted Murder of Two Women** *Police Release Photo, Offer \$2,500 Reward for Information*

The Howard County Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a man who tried to kill two women Friday, and is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to his arrest.

Police responded to a residence in the 9400 block of Loch Leven Court in Laurel at approximately 10:15 p.m. Friday night after receiving multiple 911 calls from neighbors for an assault. When police arrived, they found a 44-year old female and a 17-year old female outside of the home. Both had sustained multiple stab wounds and were flown to Shock Trauma for treatment.

The investigation revealed that the 44-year old victim had exited her residence to find the suspect, **Raymond Samuel Watson, 53**, of Baltimore, hiding in the bushes. Watson and the victim had previously been involved in a relationship. After the victim saw Watson, he jumped out of the bushes with a knife and crowbar and began assaulting her. Upon hearing the assault, the victim's daughter exited the residence to assist her mother. Watson assaulted her and then fled on foot.

Police located Watson's pickup truck abandoned in Savage Park shortly after the incident but believe he may be driving a 2001 black Jeep Cherokee.

Watson has been charged with the attempted murder of both victims and police are asking anyone with information on his whereabouts to contact police at 410-313-3200. Police are asking anyone who sees Watson to contact 911. A \$2,500 reward is being offered for information leading to his arrest.

Watson is described as a black male, 5'05", 125 lbs. with a scar on his face.

###

Editor's Note: See attached photo of suspect.

The victims sustained non-life threatening wounds and have since been released from Shock Trauma. Police are not releasing their identities.

