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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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## Police charge two Columbia teens in series of home burglaries

Howard County police have charged two 16-year-old Columbia boys in a series of home burglaries.

On Jan. 22, a resident reported that someone had entered his home and stolen jewelry and electronics, including an iPad. The victim used the "Find My iPad" app to provide police the suspected location of the device. This information, coupled with additional evidence located at the crime scene, led police to identify a suspect.

Detectives served a search warrant at the suspect's home and located the iPad and other stolen property. The teen was taken into custody.

Police also obtained evidence that led investigators to a second possible suspect. A search warrant was served at the second teen's residence, where investigators found property stolen in various burglaries, including electronics, video gaming systems, purses and shoes. He also was taken into custody.

Both suspects have been charged with burglary and theft in the following case:

**Jan. 22, 8700 block of Birkenhead Court, Laurel:** A resident reported that someone had entered the home and stolen jewelry and electronics.

The second teen has been charged with these additional cases, all in Columbia:

**Dec. 12, 10300 block of Hickory Ridge Road:** A resident reported that someone had entered the home and stolen video games and electronics.

**Dec. 13, 10200 block of Hickory Ridge Road:** A resident reported that someone had entered the home and stolen electronics.

**Jan. 3, 5400 block of Endicott Lane:** A resident reported that someone had entered the home and stolen electronics, purses and shoes.

**Jan. 18, 10300 College Square:** A suspect gained entry to a vacant home through a window. Nothing was reported stolen.

Both teens remain in custody in a juvenile detention facility. Their names will not be released because they are charged as juveniles.

Police are investigating other similar burglary cases to determine if these suspects may have been involved. Anyone with information should contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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