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## **Police seeking information in Columbia rape**

*Detectives offering reward of up to \$1,000*

Howard County police are searching for a man who raped and assaulted a woman he pulled into a vacant apartment in Columbia today.

Around 11:05 a.m., a resident of the Columbia Landing Apartments in the 8800 block of Tamar Drive called 911 to report that a woman had come to her door asking for help after being raped. The victim, who is in her 30's, does not live in the apartment complex. Police cannot provide any additional information about the victim, due to the nature of the crime.

The woman reported to detectives that a man she did not know approached her inside the apartment building and tried to engage her in conversation. She said that the man suddenly pulled her into a vacant apartment, where he physically assaulted and raped her. He did not display a weapon.

The victim told detectives that after a struggle, which concluded with the rape, the man walked into a bedroom in the apartment. The woman ran from the unit to another apartment to seek assistance.

Police have found no evidence of forced entry into the vacant apartment.

The victim described the suspect as a black male with short dreadlocks (approx. 2-3" in length) and a medium complexion, possibly in his 30's, with a medium build. He was wearing black sweatpants and no shirt when he approached the victim.

Anyone with information is urged to call police at 410-313-STOP. Police are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information.

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