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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police charge suspects in multiple fast food robberies**

Howard County police have charged two men in a string of robberies at fast food restaurants. D'Andre Devon Bynum, 24, and Emmanuel Purcell McDaniels, 21, both of Washington, D.C., are charged in arrest warrants with multiple counts of armed robbery, conspiracy, assault, handgun violations and theft. They are currently being held in Virginia after being arrested on an unrelated charge.

The string of three robberies began in Howard County Jan. 28. Two suspects robbed a Burger King in the 6200 block of Washington Blvd. in Elkrige. They were wearing dark clothing and dark ski masks. One was armed with a handgun and the other with a rifle. One suspect jumped over the counter and they both took cash and fled in a newer-model dark sedan.

The second robbery occurred Feb. 21 at a McDonald's in the 6200 block of Washington Blvd. in Elkrige. A suspect in dark clothing and a dark ski mask entered the restaurant armed with a semi-automatic handgun and jumped over the counter. He took cash and fled in a newer-model dark sedan. A review of surveillance video revealed it was the same car as the one used in the January Burger King robbery.

On March 2, a suspect in dark clothing and a dark ski mask entered a McDonald's in the 9200 block of All Saints Road in Laurel. He was armed with a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money. He took cash and fled into the passenger's side of a dark sedan waiting nearby.

Detectives identified the suspect vehicle after receiving information from neighboring jurisdictions investigating similar robberies. Bynum and McDaniels were arrested March 6 for committing a robbery in Fairfax, Va. A search of the suspects' vehicle, a black 2014 Toyota Avalon, revealed clothing, a backpack and a semi-automatic handgun, all matching those used in the Howard County robberies.

Bynum and McDaniels are being held on charges in Virginia and will face Howard County charges on a future date yet to be determined.

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