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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police arrest suspect following multiple robberies in one day**

Howard County Police have arrested a suspect following a May 15 robbery spree in Columbia and Elkridge.

Steven Anthony Baldelli, 25, of 6617 Perch Way in Elkridge, has been charged with five counts of second-degree assault, three counts each of robbery and theft, and one count each of armed robbery, resisting arrest and second-degree escape.

Police were called to the Bob Evans restaurant in the 8300 block of Benson Drive at approximately 4:39 p.m. for a report that Baldelli, a disgruntled employee, had assaulted a manager and stolen cash out of the office. Employees reported Baldelli then fled the restaurant.

Later the same evening, at approximately 10:21 p.m., police were called to the 6500 block of Old Waterloo Road for a report of an armed robbery of a delivery driver. The suspect, later identified as Baldelli, approached the victim, threatened him with a screwdriver and demanded money. The two struggled and Baldelli fled with cash.

A few minutes later, around 10:25 p.m., Baldelli entered Waterloo Pizza, also in the 6500 block of Old Waterloo Road, and placed an order. An employee reported that when he opened the register, Baldelli knocked him to the ground, stole cash and fled.

Baldelli was located the morning of May 16 in a vehicle near his home in Elkridge and was taken into custody after attempting to assault an officer while trying to flee. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

He is currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center with no bond.

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