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Local man charged with indecent exposure involving children

Howard County Police located and arrested a local man this afternoon after he approached several children this morning on their way to Bollman Bridge Elementary School in Jessup, offered them rides and in one case, exposed himself. Cartrel Darryl Baboolal, 25, of 8768 Lincoln Street in Savage has been charged with indecent exposure.

Around 9 a.m., a 10-year-old student at a bus stop was approached by a man driving a green Mercedes, later identified as Baboolal. He offered the student a ride to school and she refused.

Three other students, ages 9 and 10, were riding bikes to school when the same man approached them and exited his car. He stopped a child on her bike and offered her a ride to school. She refused and the children fled.

A short time later, a 10-year-old student walking to school reported that a man in a green Mercedes exposed himself and then drove away.

The students all reported the incidents when they arrived at the school, located at 8200 Savage Guilford Road, and provided the same physical descriptions of the suspect and the car. An officer ran the Mercedes' tag number, identified Baboolal as the registered owner and located him at his home in Savage. Baboolal matched the suspect's description and was wearing the same clothing described by the children.

He was taken into custody this afternoon and is awaiting the booking process.

Police are encouraging parents to remind children of the following safety tips:

- It's okay to say no to an adult if you feel uncomfortable or don't know the adult, even if it seems rude.
- Never get into anyone's car without a parent's permission.
- Never take candy or gifts from a stranger.
- Don't agree to help a grownup you don't know; adults should not ask kids to do things that other adults can do for them.
- Walk or run in the opposite direction if a car pulls up beside you and you don't know the driver.
- Yell for help if you are forced into a car or building.
- Remember that no one has the right to touch you if you don't want them to.

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