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Numerous cars spray-painted at Laurel senior living center and Columbia businesses

*More than 260 cars damaged since December;
Police releasing video of suspect and doubling reward up to \$1,500*

Howard County Police are seeking information about the person responsible for the spray-painting vandalism of numerous cars in Laurel and Columbia in the early morning hours of June 8.

Investigators have determined that 28 cars were painted at a senior living center in the 9800 block of Palace Hall Drive in Laurel. During the same time period, four additional cars and two buildings were spray-painted in the 9100 block of Guilford Road in Columbia.

Police believe the same suspect is likely responsible for both cases and possibly many others. The suspect was captured on business surveillance video around 2 a.m. and investigators are releasing the images to the public.

“These cases are having a widespread impact in the community,” said Police Chief Gary Gardner. “More than 260 vehicles have been damaged in similar cases since December. We are asking for the public’s help to put a stop to this.”

The suspect’s gender and race are unknown. The person is seen on video wearing dark clothing, dark gloves, and a black and white pom knit hat. The spray paint used in the cases was white.

Investigators are releasing photos of the most recent damage, some of which includes the words “Jack Boys” and other random markings. Police are looking into the likelihood that multiple previous cases in Columbia are connected. All occurred during overnight hours:

- Dec. 15 in the 7500 block of Monarch Mills Way
- Dec. 20 in the 9600 block of Whiteacre Rd./5800 block of Thunder Hill Rd.
- Dec. 21 in the 5800 block of Stevens Forest Rd.
- Dec. 27 in the 5800 block of Stevens Forest Rd.
- Dec. 30 in the 5500 block of Waterloo Rd.
- Dec. 30 in the 8300 block of Tamar Dr.
- Jan. 14 in the 7500 block of Murray Hill Rd.
- Feb. 1 in the 6900 block of Deep Cup
- Feb. 4 in the 5700 block of Stevens Forest Rd.
- March 31 in the 9900 block of Guilford Rd.

Police do not believe the vandalism to be hate-bias or gang-related. Anyone who may have information is urged to call (410) 313-STOP. Police are offering a reward of up to \$1,500 for information. Callers may remain anonymous.

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