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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Two men arrested in Oct. 4 homicide in Columbia**

Howard County police have arrested two men in the Oct. 4 homicide of Juan Michael Ross in Columbia.

Daquante Donte Thomas, 18, of Southern Cross Drive in Gwynn Oak, is charged with first- and second-degree murder and assault. Tyrik Michael Braxton, 24, of West Fayette Street in Baltimore, is charged with first- and second-degree murder, assault, and conspiracy to commit murder. Both suspects currently are in the booking process.

Officers were called to the 9600 block of Basket Ring Road at approximately 2:37 p.m. on Oct. 4 for a report that a subject had been shot outside a residence. Ross, 23, of Jessup, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Through investigation, police developed Thomas and Braxton as two suspects and arrested them Nov. 20 in Baltimore. Detectives believe that Ross was targeted and that the shooting was not random.

The investigation into the motive and the involvement of any other suspects is ongoing. Anyone with information should contact police at 410-313-STOP or HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov. Police continue to offer a reward of up to \$10,000 for information.

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