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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Local men facing charges in up to 93 car break-ins, drug and gun crimes in Columbia**

*Neighbors alerted police to suspicious activity at residence*

Howard County police have charged three local men with committing 47 car break-ins in Columbia over the last year and suspect they will be charged in as many as 93 cases. Neighborhood Community Resource Officers (NCROs) identified the men after following up on community complaints about suspected drug-dealing in the neighborhood.

Davon Kyree Holden, 21, Tyres Deontay Holden, 20, and Brice Laron Robinson, 23, of New Country Lane, are charged with varying counts of theft scheme, theft, rogue and vagabond, malicious destruction of property and gun-related charges. Robinson faces an additional drug charge. A fourth suspect, Brooke Johnson, 21, of Farewell Road, faces gun charges but is not charged in the car break-ins.

NCROs began looking into multiple community complaints regarding drug sales in the Hickory Ridge area of Columbia in November. Through investigation, and with assistance from narcotics detectives, they developed suspects and served multiple search warrants at a residence in the 11800 block of New Country Lane over the last 10 days. Officers recovered a handgun, a stolen shotgun, a sawed-off shotgun, suspected crack cocaine and drug distribution paraphernalia.

While in the home, officers located personal property reported stolen from a total of 93 vehicles dating back to March 2018. Detectives were able to link some of the property to owners after finding identifying information among the property, including vehicle registrations, wallets, purses, work ID cards and tax documents. Investigators are processing the property and reaching out to victims as they are identified.

Many items, including cell phones, backpacks, jackets and tools have not yet been linked to a specific case. Detectives are asking victims of car break-ins in the West Columbia area to leave a message at 410-313-STOP or email [HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov) with their contact information, description of the item and case number if applicable. Victims should call whether or not they filed an initial police report at the time of the theft.

Robinson and Johnson are currently being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center. T. Holden is currently held on \$1,500 bond and D. Holden is still in the booking process.

The Howard County Police Department encourages all residents to report quality-of-life complaints, which may lead to much larger-scale criminal activity and arrests, as evidenced by this case.

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