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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police charge Mount Airy teen with burglary, weapons violations**

Howard County police have charged a Mount Airy teen with stealing guns from his neighbor on two separate occasions.

Christopher Michael McCoy, 19, of 16363 Camalo Drive in Mount Airy, is charged with first-, second-, third- and fourth-degree burglary, theft, malicious destruction of property, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition and possession of a stolen firearm. Under Maryland law, those under 21 years of age are prohibited from possessing regulated guns or regulated ammunition.

The charges stem from two burglaries, one in November 2009 and a second on Feb. 25, at a residence in the 16300 block of Camalo Drive. In the first incident, the suspect stole a non-functioning revolver from a barn in the back yard of the property. In that incident, the suspect did not enter the home. In the second incident, the suspect returned three months later, gained entry to the home by kicking in a rear door and stole four guns and various ammunition from a gun closet.

Police believe the suspect also broke into a foreclosed home on the street on Feb. 25, although nothing was reported stolen from the vacant home.

Police received a tip on Saturday from the suspect's relative, who had found a gun in the suspect's room. The relative also said he had found a gun in the family car earlier in the month. Both weapons were turned over to police and matched the stolen weapons in the burglary case. The suspect was subsequently charged.

McCoy is being held at Howard County Detention Center on \$75,000 bond.

Police continue to investigate the case as they search for the remaining stolen firearms. Anyone with information is asked to call 410-313-STOP. Callers may remain anonymous.

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