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Four charged following armed street robbery, pursuit

Howard County police have charged four people for an armed street robbery in Columbia yesterday evening that led to a vehicle pursuit and a foot chase.

The following suspects are charged with armed robbery, robbery, use of a handgun in the commission of a felony, first- and second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and theft:

- **Kevin Sterling Boone**, 28, of 1798 Severn Hills Lane in Severn (also being held on a warrant from a neighboring jurisdiction for a robbery on Sept. 28)
- **Sedrick Cordell Legaspi**, 28, of 1628 Annapolis Road in Ft. Meade (also charged with providing a false name to police)
- **Markus Phillips**, 23, of 519 Sunset Road in Baltimore
- **Melinda Leah Tyler**, 21, of 413 Aquahart Road in Glen Burnie

Police were called to the 5400 block of Green Dory Lane in Columbia last night at approximately 6:50 p.m. for a report of a street robbery that had just occurred. The victim was in front of his residence when he was approached by three unknown suspects who displayed a gun, assaulted him, threatened his life and stole his cell phone, keys and wallet. Neighbors who witnessed the robbery called police and provided information about a gold Mazda driven by a fourth suspect as the getaway car.

Police issued a lookout for the vehicle, and an auxiliary officer spotted it on U.S. 29 northbound exiting onto U.S. 40 eastbound. A marked patrol car began to follow the vehicle and attempted to stop it on U.S. 40 eastbound near Oak Green Circle. The vehicle failed to stop, and officers continued to pursue it down U.S. 40 and then onto I-695 southbound. The driver of the suspect vehicle failed to negotiate a ramp onto Hollins Ferry Road, and after the vehicle collided with bushes on the side of the road, all four occupants fled on foot.

The exit ramp to Hollins Ferry Road was temporary closed as police searched for the suspects. Legaspi, Phillips and Boone were taken into custody within moments by officers on the scene. Tyler was located moments later by a Baltimore County Police Department K9 and taken into custody.

Tyler's bond has been set at \$100,000. The other three suspects are awaiting bond hearings. All are being held at Howard County Detention Center.

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