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“Deputies Seek Assistance identifying Suspect wanted in Identity Theft Scheme” *Surveillance Photo Released*

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, October 19, 2009 ---- The Carroll County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding the identity and location of a light skinned black female in her mid 20's, with long straight dark hair. The female suspect assumed the identity of a Manchester woman and deposited a stolen business check valued at more than \$6000 in the Manchester woman's bank account. (*See attached photograph*)

- On July 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm, the Baltimore County Police began investigating the fraudulent reproduction and uttering of two erroneous checks. The checks were reproduced in the name of a Towson based law firm with accurate detail, including valid account, sequence and routing numbers. However, the original checks had yet to be issued by the firm, alerting accounting officials as they reviewed the prior month's bank statement.
- Investigators learned that on June 30, 2009 one of the checks, valued in excess of \$6000 had been presented for deposit at the Columbia 100 Parkway BB&T Bank Branch in Howard County by a light skinned black female in her mid 20's. The check was accepted for deposit into the personal account of a Manchester resident, and a \$300 withdraw was taken by the unknown suspect.

The Manchester resident soon discovered the erroneous deposit and the funds have since been returned to the law firm. However, the suspect and additional monies withdrawn on June 30th remain at large. Investigators are releasing the enhanced bank surveillance photos in hopes of identifying the female in the photo and her whereabouts.

The Sheriff's Office investigation continues... Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Jesse DiMura at 410-386-2900, or the toll free anonymous TIPS Hotline at 1-888-399-TIPP (8477).

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