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**Second man sentenced in vandalism of schools
Judge orders restitution, community service in defacing of 4 buildings**

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A 21-year-old Glen Burnie man admitted in Howard Circuit Court yesterday spray-painting racist and obscene epithets on four county schools during a vandalism spree last winter.

William Francis Holderman IV pleaded guilty to two counts of hate-bias crimes and one count of malicious destruction of property.

He was given a three-year suspended sentence, ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and placed on five years of supervised probation by Judge Dennis M. Sweeney.

Holderman, along with an accomplice -- Elkridge resident Cory Lee Lafon admitted his role in the scheme in July -- must also pay about \$9,000 in restitution. A juvenile was also charged in the incidents, but the disposition of that case was not available yesterday.

Holderman admitted scrawling the racist messages and devil-worshiping signs across Howard High School, Ellicott Mills Middle School, Worthington Elementary School and Mount Hebron High School. He originally was charged with more than 20 counts in the incidents that occurred a year ago.

During Lafon's July sentencing, Lafon told a judge that Holderman had been the mastermind of the vandalism.

Court records state that Holderman had a juvenile record for vandalism. Steve Wallis, Howard High School's assistant principal, told police that he had suspended Holderman for vandalism and assault five years earlier, the records say.

Lafon said in court that the vandalism was designed to get revenge on Wallis.

Holderman worked as the manager of a Harper's Choice McDonald's at the time of the incidents.

Lafon also worked there at the time, the records show. Lafon, 19, was given a five-year suspended sentence, four years of probation, and was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service in July.

Judge Diane O. Leasure also ordered him to write an essay on the value of a multicultural society