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Heavy equipment traps man between bucket, can

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A Laurel man was treated at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center and released Tuesday afternoon after he was pinned between the bucket of a front-end loader and a steel trash container, officials said.

Hugh Peter Fletcher, 26, of the 9500 block of McQuirk Road was loading debris from a construction site into the trash container shortly before noon when the accident occurred, police said. The construction site was in the 700 block of Crain Highway in Glen Burnie. Mr. Fletcher works for B & R Associates in Beltsville, police said.

None of the workers interviewed at the scene knew how Mr. Fletcher got stuck. They told police they heard him screaming for help, but could not free him. The workers then called paramedics, police said.

Mr. Fletcher arrived at Shock Trauma around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. He was released shortly after 3 p.m., a spokesman there said. The front-end loader was not defective, police said.

Freon, gauge stolen from car dealer

Burglars entered a used car dealership in the 6900 block of Ritchie Highway through an open garage door Monday evening and stole a 25-pound tank of Freon and an air conditioning gauge worth a total of \$275, county police said.

1,51 The theft at Admiral Used Cars Inc. occurred around 7 p.m., police said. An employee told police two men drove up to him in a Nissan and asked him if he was a mechanic and if he wanted to buy tools. They drove away when he told them no, police said.

A minute or two later, the employee saw the Nissan stopped near an open garage door. The employee told police one of the men was behind the wheel of the Nissan, while the car was in the garage. The man in the garage picked up several items and ran into the car when the employee spotted him, police said. The two men then drove north on Ritchie Highway.

Woman held captive; man denied bail

A Glen Burnie man who allegedly used a knife to hold his girlfriend captive in their apartment while threatening to kill her is being held without bail at the Anne Arundel County jail, officials said.

At a review hearing Tuesday afternoon, District Court Judge Martha F. Rasin ordered that Kenneth Lee Estep, 32, of the 7900

block of Allard Court, continue to be held without bail. He is charged with assault and false imprisonment, police said.

The incident occurred early Tuesday morning, county police said. Shortly after 12:30 a.m., a Western District officer went to the 7900 block of Allard Court to investigate a domestic dispute. Mr. Estep told the officer he'd had a fight with his girlfriend and that she had run away, police said.

The officer found the woman at a nearby apartment. She told him she had tried to break off the relationship because of previous physical abuse, and that Mr. Estep became enraged. When she tried to leave, he allegedly grabbed her and would not let her leave, police said.

The woman escaped when Mr. Estep went to the bathroom. Police found Mr. Estep sitting in the stairwell of a nearby apartment building and arrested him, police said.