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Officer Involved Shooting—Update

The suspect in the late night shooting has been identified as Robert Knoderer, a 32 year old male from Joplin, MO. The Newton County Prosecutor's Office has filed two counts of First Degree Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and has set the combined bond at \$500,000. Mr. Knoderer underwent surgery today to remove bullet fragments. The Doctors were unable to remove all of the bullet fragments and Mr. Knoderer has been transferred to a hospital at the University of Missouri Columbia for further treatment. Mr. Knoderer's injuries remain non-life threatening. The University of Missouri Police Department is assisting in maintaining custody of the suspect.

One suspect is at a local hospital following a late night officer involved shooting which occurred near the intersection of 36th and Finley. A Joplin Police Officer conducted a car stop on a vehicle near the intersection of 36th and Finley at approximately 1:10 a.m.

The driver of the vehicle would not follow commands from the officer during the stop. The officer requested for additional officers to respond. As other officers arrived on scene, the driver put the vehicle in reverse and backed into a nearby empty lot. The vehicle then began driving towards one of the officers at a high rate of speed. The officer fired his duty weapon at the subject as the vehicle drove by. The vehicle also drove towards a second officer that was on scene. The second officer also fired his weapon at the vehicle.

The vehicle fled the area and officers later located it in the area of 3700 S. Ferguson. It was determined that the suspect had left the vehicle and had fled to a

residence in that area that belonged to some family members. The suspect was located inside the residence, was taken into custody and was transported by EMS to a local hospital. The suspect's injuries are non-life threatening at this time.

Both officers as a matter of department policy have been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. More information in regards to this incident will be released as it becomes available.

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