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Press Release

Shooting Investigation July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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2<sup>nd</sup> UPDATE:

Detectives have identified the suspect in this case as Richard E. McWhirt, age 42 of Joplin. McWhirt shot the victim, Gregory Hallstrom, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3424 S. Finley Avenue. The victim has since been treated and released from the hospital. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Newton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges for Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Armed Criminal Action against McWhirt. On July 28<sup>th</sup> a Detective Sergeant with JPD located McWhirt near the area of 30<sup>th</sup> and Rangeline. Officers responded to the area and set up a perimeter and were able to take McWhirt into custody without incident. McWhirt is currently being held in the Joplin City Jail with no bond. The investigation is still continuing and further updates may be released as more information becomes available. A mugshot of McWhirt is attached to this release.

UPDATE:

The victim in this case has been identified as Gregory A. Hallstrom, age 34 of Joplin. No update on his condition is currently available. Detectives are still continuing to work the investigation. If you have any information regarding this incident, we ask you to please contact the Joplin Police Department at 417-623-3131. Further updates will be released as they become available.

ORIGINAL:

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:34 am the Joplin Police Department Emergency Communications Center received a report of a shooting in the area of 35<sup>th</sup> and Finley Avenue. Officers arrived on

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scene and located an adult male with a gunshot wound injuries and immediately began rendering aid. EMS responded to the scene to take over treatment and rushed the victim to a local hospital. The victim is currently in critical condition. Detectives with the Joplin Police Department are actively working the investigation. No arrests have been made at this time. If you have any information regarding this incident, you are encouraged to contact the Joplin Police Department at 417-623-3131. Further details will be released as they become available.