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Suspect Identified

Police have made proper next of kin notifications and are now able to release the name of the deceased. Michael D. Finley, age 45, of Springfield, MO was shot and killed earlier this morning as officers attempted to take him into custody. An autopsy will be conducted, but as of this time has not been scheduled. A photo of Finley is attached to this release.

The Federal Task Force that was involved in the shooting is a U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force. The officers present at the scene of the shooting were from the Marshals Service and also Greene County Deputies attached to the Task Force.

The deceased subject was a parole absconder who was originally charged with 2nd degree assault on a law enforcement officer. He also had an active warrant for felony stealing. The name is still being withheld until proper next of kin notifications are made.

Joplin investigators are currently working a shooting scene at Motel 6, located at 3031 S. Rangeline Rd. At 08:35 hours the Joplin Police Department received a call of shots fired at Motel 6. Agents with a Federal Fugitive Task Force encountered a suspect they were searching for on the parking lot. Shots were fired and the suspect was killed. No officers or other persons were injured in the shooting.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. No Joplin officers were involved in the shooting. More information will be released as the investigation progresses.



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Press Release

Contact Person: Corporal Chuck Niess

Date: April 12, 2013

Subject: Name correction

The correct name on the person at Motel 6 that was shot this morning is Michael D. Findley, age 45 of Springfield, MO. The original press release contained a typographical error.

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