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Media Notice

Date: May 27, 2015
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On May 27, 2015 at approximately 6:24 PM a K9 Officer with the Joplin Police Department saw a subject in the area of 9th and McKinley who he recognized as having an active Felony Warrant for Vehicle Tampering as well as a warrant for Trespassing. Before the officer was able to make contact the suspect left the area and possibly went into a nearby house. The officer called for additional units to respond to the area to try and locate the suspect. As other units were arriving in the area, the K9 Officer learned that the suspect had fled from the house on foot. Other officers arriving in the area saw the suspect running in the area. The suspect then went into an apartment located at 901 S. Roosevelt #2 and then ran out of the back door of the apartment. The suspect then jumped over a chain link fence into a back yard. The K9 Officer deployed his K9 partner and the K9 engaged the suspect as he was climbing over another chain link fence. The K9 lost control of the suspect and the suspect continued to run south through another yard.

Another officer was approaching from the south and made contact with the suspect. The officer gave commands to the suspect to stop and the suspect did not follow commands. The suspect was also reaching into his pockets and waist area and continued to not follow commands. The officer then deployed his Taser on the suspect. Other officers arrived in the area and began to handcuff the suspect. As they were handcuffing the suspect they noticed that the suspect did not appear to be breathing. An ambulance was immediately called to respond to their location at 917 S. Roosevelt. Officers placed the suspect in the recovery position and attempted to clear and/or open his airway. METS Ambulance arrived on scene and began rescue breathing for the suspect. EMS transported the suspect to Mercy hospital. At some point the drug Narcan was administered by medical personnel and the suspect began to breathe on his own. The drug Narcan is typically used to reverse the negative side effects of narcotics use. The suspect also maintained a pulse during this incident.

The suspect is currently at Mercy hospital and is listed in critical condition. We will seek charges for 1st Degree Burglary and for Felony Resisting Arrest from the Prosecutor's Office. Additional charges may follow and the investigation is on-going.

The suspect's name is not being released at this time pending notification of family.

For further information on this case the contact is Asst. Chief Matt Stewart 417-623-3131 extension 696.

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