

# JOPLIN

# **POLICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

On June 22, 2015 at 3:00 AM, the Joplin Police Department responded to 1024 E. Hill Ave. in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers contacted William Gartrell. Gartrell had suffered lacerations to his left forearm and right upper thigh. Gartrell stated that Thomas R. McPartlen had cut him with a silver, six-inch steak knife. Gartrell's wounds were superficial and he refused medical treatment. The dispute was regarding peripheral relationships. Thomas R. McPartlen, 36, 1024 Hill, Joplin, was arrested for Assault 2nd Degree and Armed Criminal Action. Photo is attached.

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Thomas McPartlen