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NEWS RELEASE

On 12-11-15 at 1:14 PM, the Joplin Police Department responded to 419 E. 33rd St. in reference to a possible fraud involving an elderly victim.

Upon arrival at 419 E. 33rd St., officers observed that the front driveway of the residence had a fine dust on it with no actual refinishing to have taken place. It appeared that someone had just sprinkled concrete dust all over the driveway.

The victim advised that on December 3, 2015, a male, later identified as Josh T. Harrison, 41, Carthage, Mo., had received payment of \$270.00 dollars for presumed work on the driveway.

On 12-11-15, Harrison again came to the residence and advised he was there to work on the drive way and wanted additional moneys. Harrison was accompanied by William R. Lovell, 29, Liberty, Mo.

Lovell together with Harrison had advised they would work on the victim's drive way wanted \$150.00 for the service.

Lovell was arrested for two Newton County warrants. (FTAs for Driving while suspended and Seatbelt).

Neither Josh Harrison nor William Lovell had a business license to conduct business inside the city of Joplin. Harrison and Lovell were taken into custody for no business license and property destruction due to the concrete dust they had spread over the driveway and carport.

Harrison was transported to the jail where he was served with complaints for business license required and property destruction. Lovell was transported to the jail and served with complaints for business license required and property destruction.

Subsequent to this investigation, Harrison was charged with Prosecutor for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly, a class B felony, by the Newton County Prosecutor. Harrison has a \$1,000 cash bond.

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