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Homicide Investigation—Update 1—Arrests Made

The Joplin Police Department is continuing to actively work the case of the homicide that occurred at 201 N. Wall Apt. 1. On September 10, 2014 Detectives with the Joplin Police Department applied for and obtained arrest warrants for two subjects involved with the homicide of Mr. McKibbens.

The Joplin Police Department was able to develop two potential suspects involved with the homicide and after working on leads that had come into the police department, we were able to obtain arrest warrants for these two suspects. Arrest Warrants for Murder 2nd Degree (RSMO 565.021—Class A Felony) were issued for Anthony M. Carter a 21 year old male from Joplin and for Kristopher M. Smith a 27 year old male from Joplin. There is no bond on these warrants.

On September 10, 2014, Mr. Smith was arrested in Kansas City, MO by the Kansas City MO Police Department. He remains in custody in Kansas City at this time.

On September 10, 2014, Mr. Carter was located in the area of 16th and Sergeant where he was taken into custody. Mr. Carter is currently in custody at the Joplin City Jail.

The investigation is still ongoing and we are continuing to follow up with leads. Detectives have determined that this homicide was targeted towards the deceased, Mr. McKibben and not a random act of violence.

If anyone has any information about this incident, please contact the Joplin Police Department. You can contact us via phone at 417-623-3131, on our web page at www.joplinpolice.org, or on our Facebook page at www.facebook/JoplinPD.

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 at approximately 1:56PM, officers with the Joplin Police Department were sent to 201 North Wall Apartment #1 for a deceased male. The male has been identified as 71 year old David L. McKibben of Joplin.

An autopsy was completed on Mr. McKibben on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Frontier Forensics in Kansas City. As a result of findings from the autopsy, the death is being investigated as a homicide at this time.

The Joplin Police Department's Investigation's Bureau continues to follow up on leads. No arrests have been made and no other details on the homicide investigation will be released at this time. We will update this release if further information develops.

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