



Press Release: Arrest following the shooting incident at 5th and Joplin

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On January 1st, 2026, Joplin Police Detectives continued to follow-up on information regarding the shooting incident that occurred at 5th and Joplin just after 1:00 am. During the investigation probable cause was developed for the arrest of Stedarrish Herman, age 22, of Carthage, Missouri.

At approximately 6:20 pm on January 1st, 2026, Joplin police officers observed Herman's vehicle traveling near 7th and Ozark Avenue. Joplin officers observed Herman inside the vehicle along with several other individuals. A car stop was initiated, and Herman was subsequently arrested without incident for the shooting.

During the investigation, officers located two additional loaded firearms inside Herman's vehicle. Charges for Herman have been submitted to the Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for consideration. The charges include First Degree Assault and Unlawful Use of Weapons. As a result of this incident additional charges may follow.

This case is still considered open and active. Anyone with information about the shooting incident that took place at 5th and Joplin on 01-01-2026, is encouraged to contact Detective Tiffany Osborne at 417-623-3131 extension 1649.



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On January 1st, 2026, around 1:10 am, a Joplin police officer was patrolling near the 500 block of Joplin Avenue. The officer heard what was believed to be gunshots and immediately responded to the area where the noises came from. Upon the officer's arrival, several witnesses and evidence of gunfire were located.

It was learned there had been a physical altercation between several adults inside Club Night Life prior to the shooting. While speaking with witnesses on scene, information was obtained that the individuals involved in the physical altercation inside Club Night Life had another altercation in the parking lot, and shots had been fired. All individuals involved fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival. Officers learned that the person who had discharged the weapon had fled in a dark colored SUV with several other individuals.

A short time later, a Joplin police officer observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle near 8th and Ohio. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but the suspect vehicle fled. Joplin police officers pursued the vehicle. The pursuit continued until it went off-road near the intersection of Douglas Place and Texas Avenue. The suspect vehicle crashed and became disabled. Once disabled, all occupants fled the scene on foot. A firearm was located inside the vehicle.

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No injuries were reported as a result of the shooting. During the pursuit, two Joplin police vehicles were involved in a crash. Two Joplin police officers were treated and released from the hospital for injuries sustained in the crash.

At this time, this incident appears to be isolated and does not pose an ongoing threat to the public. During the investigation, further information and evidence was obtained about the shooting which shows the parties involved were known acquaintances. This is still an active, open investigation, and anyone with knowledge about this incident is encouraged to call Detective Tiffany Osborne at 417-623-3131 extension 1649.