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NEWS RELEASE- Updated

Update #3 –The Joplin Police Department has classified the investigation of the shooting death of James Swatsenberg as a homicide investigation. The autopsy indicates that the victim died as a result of a single gunshot wound.

Update #2 – Charges filed on Sewell

Alexander C. Sewell has been formally charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm Class C Felony, Missouri Revised Statute 571.070. His bond has been set at \$10,000.00 cash only

The autopsy on Swatsenberg has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 20th.

Update #1

Victim Information

The deceased is James Swatsenberg 49 years of age, 200 East Zora lot 38, Joplin.

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On May 18th 2015 at 8:18 p.m. Joplin 911 received a call of a shooting at K-Wood Mobile Estates 200 East Zora lot 38. On arrival officers found the victim (name withheld pending notification of next of kin) a 49 year old male deceased in the residence, due to an apparent gunshot wound.

The victim's roommate Alexander C. Sewell (39) was on scene at the time of the shooting. Sewell is currently in custody on the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

An autopsy is scheduled for later today. This investigation is continuing and more information will be released as it becomes available.

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