

JOPLIN



Press Release

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Subject: Rooftop A/C thefts

On 12-08-12, police officers with the Joplin Police Department apprehended 41 year old Joplin resident Samuel Shira for property destruction and stealing with regards to the dismantling of commercial air conditioner units at the shopping center located at 7th Street and Range Line Road.

During a follow-up interview with police detectives, Shira acknowledged his involvement in at least seven other similar commercial air conditioner thefts occurring from 09-17-12 to 12-07-12. Paperwork has been sent to the Jasper County Prosecutor's Office for the formal filing of charges.

The estimated total loss to these victims is in excess of \$235,000. The investigation into these and other copper and air conditioner thefts continues.

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