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## Officer Involved Shooting

Two suspects are in custody at the Joplin City jail following a late night officer involved shooting which occurred at the 15<sup>th</sup> street Wal-Mart. Two Joplin Police officers were conducting an undercover anti-theft detail on 03/12/13 just before 11:00 PM when they observed a disturbance on the parking lot.

The two officers approached the disturbance as one of the involved subjects fled on foot. The two officers pursued and ordered the subject to stop. At that point one of the officers turned around to contact the other parties involved. A male and a female subject that were involved in the disturbance were in a pickup truck at that point and attempted to run over the officer in the parking lot. The officer fired shots at the vehicle as it tried to run the officer over.

The truck fled the scene and was stopped at 9<sup>th</sup> and Rangeline, where the two occupants were taken into custody for 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault and possession of narcotics. Both passengers were transported to the Joplin City Jail after being treated for gunshot wounds at a local hospital.

Both officers as a matter of department policy have been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. More information in regards to this incident will be released as it becomes available.

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