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Narcotics Arrest Made at Local Hotel

On April 22, 2013 at approximately 1:57 am, an officer with the Joplin Police Department conducted a suspicious vehicle check on the parking lot of the Sunrise Inn located at 3600 S. Rangeline Road. When the officer approached the vehicle he could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officer obtained consent to search the vehicle and a K9 Officer was requested to respond to the location.

The K9 alerted on the vehicle and officers located a black sock that had been hidden on the exterior of the vehicle on the undercarriage. Also located inside of the vehicle was a baggie of what appeared to be marijuana. The items inside of the sock field tested positive for cocaine and weighed a total of 20 grams. The marijuana also tested positive and weighed 7.6 grams. There was another baggie located in the vehicle that was not able to be tested at the time of the incident and it has been sent to the MSHP crime lab for testing. This white substance weighed 6.1 grams.

Robert Vice, a 58 year old male from Webb City, MO was charged with second degree trafficking in this case. The Newton County Prosecutor's Office filed the charge and set a bond of \$50,000.

