

**JOPLIN**



## Press Release

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**Subject:** Vandalism at Cunningham Park

The Joplin Police are seeking information regarding a vandalism that occurred at Joplin's Cunningham Park on the night of May 21<sup>st</sup>. On 5-22-13 police were called to the park by Parks and Recreation employees who noticed the water had been drained from the pool. The vandals broke a lock to the pool area and accessed a drain valve and opened it, which allowed over 200 thousand gallons of water to be drained from the pool. Large landscaping rocks around the reflecting pond had also been tossed the pond causing workers to have to remove the rocks and rebuild the landscaping. Estimated damages are around \$4000.00

All the damaged had been repaired prior to the ceremony commemorating the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Tornado.

If you have any information regarding who may have done the damage to the park please contact the Joplin Police Department at 417-623-3131. You may also submit a tip through our website at [www.joplinpolice.org](http://www.joplinpolice.org) under the contact us button, report a crime. You can also submit a tip through the Heartland Crimestoppers by calling 417-782-TIPZ or online at [www.heartlandtipz.com](http://www.heartlandtipz.com).