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### **Joplin Police Respond to a Report of an Attempted Arson**

On October 3, 2013 at approximately 6:30 pm, officers with the Joplin Police Department responded to the Planned Parenthood building located at 710 S. Illinois for an attempted arson. An employee with the business located a suspicious item near the business. Video surveillance from the building shows that this occurred at approximately midnight on the night of October 2, 2013. It appears from video surveillance that the suspect attempted to burn the building by placing a bag on the roof of the building.

The Joplin Police Department is currently following up on leads to this case and the investigation is on-going. The Joplin Police Department is working in conjunction with the FBI, ATF, Missouri State Fire Marshall's Office, and the Joplin Fire Department Fire Marshall.

A picture of the suspect is attached to this email.

If anyone has any information on who this suspect might be, please contact the Joplin Police Department. You can contact us via phone at 417-623-3131, on our web page at [www.joplinpolice.org](http://www.joplinpolice.org), on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/JoplinPD](http://www.facebook.com/JoplinPD), or submit a tip to the Heartland Crime Stoppers by calling 417-782-TIPZ or on their web page at [www.heartlandtipz.com](http://www.heartlandtipz.com). You can also contact the FBI office at 816-512-8200, the ATF office at 417-837-2100, or the Missouri Arson Hotline at 800-39-ARSON (800-392-7766).

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