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## NEWS RELEASE

On June 30, 2015 at 11:36 PM, the Joplin Police Department responded to 1501 S. Range Line in reference to a vehicular assault.

Officers determined that there had been a verbal disturbance between the occupants of a vehicle and a small, but of indeterminate number, group of teenagers. After a brief verbal exchange, the group of teens entered Walmart. Shortly thereafter, the teens returned to the parking lot and the vehicle was seen circling the lot and ultimately it was driven directly at the group of pedestrians.

Two victims were struck by the vehicle. Calen M. Goad, 18, Seneca, suffered serious physical injuries and was transported by private vehicle to Freeman. Goad is in stable condition. Tavis Beaver, 17, Neosho, was injured and transported to Freeman by private vehicle. The suspect vehicle fled the scene.

Witnesses described the suspect vehicle as a maroon Chevrolet Silverado extended cab-truck driven and occupied by two Hispanic males. A Police Dispatcher was able to identify a possible suspect vehicle from accumulated CAD data and sent officers to 2211 West B St. in Joplin. Officers located a maroon truck, consistent with a detailed description, at that location.

Joplin Police Investigators responded. Paulo Omar Lopez-Nanclares, 23, 2211 West B St., Joplin, was identified as the driver of the vehicle. (Photo is attached) Nanclares was arrested and has been charged with Assault - 2nd Degree and Leaving Scene of Motor Vehicle Accident--Injury. His bond is set at \$3000.00 surety.

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Paulo Omar Lopez-Nanclares