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## **Press Release**

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### **Suspicious Device**

**Update:** The Springfield Bomb Squad rendered the device safe.

On March 9, 2016 at 1246 hours a person brought a suspicious device to the Joplin Police Department Main Lobby. They were concerned that it was an explosive device. Officers had the device moved to the open field directly east of the police department to insure the safety of the public and staff present in the building. After conferring with the Springfield Bomb Squad they are currently responding.

As always, we use an abundance of caution when dealing with situations that could result in injury to the public or our officers. The person who brought the device was concerned about it and had no malicious intent. Anytime anyone in the public is concerned about an object it is always best to leave it where it is and call the police department to respond to evaluate. They will then call the additional resources needed. The moving or transportation of any unknown device puts people in danger especially when bringing it into a public building.

Sgt. Trevor Duncan