

JOPLIN

POLICE

"Serving With Pride Since 1873"

303 E. 3rd Street Joplin, MO. 64801-2274

417-623-3131 Fax 417-625-4733

**Matthew Stewart
Chief of Police**

Date: June 20, 2016
Origin: Department PIO
Contact: Captain Bob Higginbotham
Phone: 623-3131 #643

NEWS RELEASE

On 06/18/2016 at 9:40 PM, Joplin Police responded to 1932 W. 4th St. in reference to a 911 hang-up. Officers arrive to find the occupants of the home visibly shaken and signs of a disturbance in the home.

The victims were Axel Bohn-Witt and Caitlin Blevins. Blevins stated that Travis Morris and Corey Walstead had assaulted them as they arrived home. Morris struck Blevins several times while she was outside the home and forced her into the home. Walstead kicked in the door to the home and punched Bohn-Witt and further grabbed Bohn-Witt in a choke hold and punched him in the head". Blevins stated that she attempted to flee the residence at one point and was thrown to the ground by Morris and Walstead, she stated at that point she felt unable to leave the residence for help. Walstead and Morris were alleged to be looking for money. The victims believed that Morris was armed though he did not display a firearm.

Morris and Walstead forced the victims to remain in their home and forcibly removed their cell-phones from them. Walstead and Morris fled on foot once they realized that Blevins was able to dial 911 on her cell phone during the struggle.

Officers located the subjects at 1825 W. 7th St. (Rumors Bar). Travis D. Morris, 22, Joplin and Corey M. Walstead, 24, Diamond, were each arrested and subsequently charged by the Jasper County Prosecutor for Burglary 1st, Robbery 2nd, and Felonious Restraint. Each of their bonds is fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) surety and five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) cash.

###



TRAVIS MORRIS



COREY WALSTEAD