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Press Release

Homicide Investigation- 2502 E. Vandalia Street

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UPDATE #1-

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office filed charges against the suspect, Damyon D. Fisher, for Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Armed Criminal Action. Bond was denied and Fisher remains in custody at this time. Additionally, Detectives with the Joplin Police Department have submitted charges against Eddie W. Fisher, age 64 of Seneca, Missouri. Eddie Fisher is the father of Damyon Fisher. Eddie Fisher was present at the address on Vandalia Street when the victim was shot and killed. Following the shooting, Eddie assisted Damyon in wrapping the victim in a rug, loading the body into his vehicle and transporting it to his address in Seneca, Missouri where he assisted in dumping the victims body in a well. Charges of Tampering with Physical Evidence (class E Felony) have been submitted to the Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Eddie Fisher remains in custody in the Newton County Jail. His mugshot is attached.

ORIGINAL-

The Joplin Police Department was recently notified by the Newton County Sheriff's Office of a death investigation that had possibly originated within the City of Joplin. After further investigation and collaboration with Newton County authorities, it was determined that on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 there was a verbal altercation at 2502 E. Vandalia Street between two individuals over the purchase of a vehicle. During the disagreement, the suspect, who has been identified as Damyon D. Fisher, age 40 of Joplin, retrieved a handgun from his waistband and shot the victim in the back as he was fleeing. Fisher and an accomplice then disposed of the victims body by

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burying it in a well at an address in Newton County, Missouri. The victim's body was recovered from the well on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The victim has been tentatively identified as Scotty J. Roller, age 36, of Neosho, Missouri, however an official autopsy is pending. Roller had been previously reported as a missing person to the Newton County Sheriff's Office. On the afternoon of April 27<sup>th</sup>, Detectives with the Joplin Police Department located and arrested Fisher during a traffic stop and transported him to the Joplin Police Department. He remains in custody in the Joplin City Jail. Charges have been submitted to the Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the charge of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Armed Criminal Action. A recent mugshot of Fisher is attached. This investigation is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.