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NEWS RELEASE

September 26, 2015, the Lawrence County Sheriff's department notified the Joplin Police Department that they were seeking Clinton Ross Blizzard, a twenty-seven year old white male for questioning in a homicide. Blizzard was known to have outstanding unrelated warrants and was considered to be armed and dangerous. Blizzard was known to frequent the Jasper and Newton County area.

September 29, 2015 at 6:24 PM, an off-duty Jasper County deputy (Deputy Micah Fleming) observed Blizzard leaving Best Buy (3117 Turkey Creek Blvd.) Deputy Fleming called the Joplin dispatch center with the report and followed Blizzard until losing sight of the suspect at the south side of the Northpark Mall.

Joplin officers located the vehicle at 7th St. and Geneva Ave. Joplin Police engaged in a short vehicle pursuit until Blizzard crashed at 10th and Duquesne. Blizzard fled east on foot into a wooded area.

Through a collaborative, interagency response, a perimeter was established and a two-hour search ensued. Ultimately, Buzzard was located near 7th St. and Summit. He surrendered without incident.

The Joplin Police Department, Jasper County Sheriff's Office, (to include the Joplin and Jasper County SWAT teams), Duquesne PD, Duenweg PD, Missouri Southern State University Police, and Missouri State Highway Patrol (The MSHP helicopter was utilized in this search.)

Blizzard was transported to the Jasper County jail.

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Blizzard, Clinton