

Lawrence Police Department
Media Release
March 26, 2009

On Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 1:00pm, Lawrence Police arrested 22 year old Joseph Abdullah Muhammad, of Overland Park, on three counts Aggravated Battery in reference to a shooting incident at 1:55am on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in the area of 14th and Ohio Streets. A Lawrence Police Officer on routine patrol heard gunshots in the area and drove to the scene where three individuals were identified as victims gunfire. The victims are; 21 year old Justin Lucas, of Chicago, Illinois, 22 year old Matthew Lett, of Lawrence, and 19 year old Alexander Thies, of Lawrence. Mr. Lucas and Mr. Lett were transported by Lawrence Douglas County Fire Medical to Lawrence Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Mr. Thies was treated at the scene for a minor injury. Lawrence Police were assisted by Overland Park Police Department in the arrest of Mr. Muhammad. This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the TIPS Hotline at 785-843-TIPS.