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BE PREPARED

The Mono County Sheriff's Department hopes that everyone had a great holiday sharing memories past and present with friends and families. We have had a successful year and hopefully provided our citizens and visitors with the law enforcement services you expect and deserve.

In looking forward to 2010, we would like to remind you of a few safety tips to have a safe and wonderful winter experience in Mono County.

Be prepared for the severity our winter weather can bring. We frequently have road closures, power outages, extremes in temperature, and high winds that can strand motorist and outdoor enthusiasts. Make sure you have proper clothing, food, and water for a few days in case of sustained power outages or road closures. An alternate source of heat is also advisable but always be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning from certain heat sources. If you are stranded in a vehicle during a storm, stay put. Make sure your exhaust system is not covered by snow so as to reduce carbon monoxide emissions into your vehicle. Listen to one of our local radio stations for emergency broadcasts. In some areas of the County we do have a local A.M. radio broadcast, 1610, for localized conditions. As soon as conditions warrant, emergency services personnel will get to you. Remember to always carry chains in your vehicle when traveling in snow country.

If you are planning on going for a day hike or longer, know the weather before you go and be prepared to be stranded in case the weather changes while you are out. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will be back.

For those with medical concerns where special medications or other treatments are necessary, plan ahead so if you are stranded in your home for 3 or 4 days you will have everything you need.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has a "Code Red" alert message system for all listed phone numbers in Mono County. This system is designed to inform the public as to a significant event or prediction of an upcoming event that may impact public safety. The message is not designed to scare our citizens but to inform them of the potential for and the likelihood that an unusual condition is occurring or about to occur. If you would like

to have your home phone or cell phone notified in case of any unusual event, please log onto our website, www.monosheriff.org and follow the link for “Code Red”. If you have any questions regarding the system you can contact our office and speak to a watch commander or Sergeant Booher at (760) 932-7549.

Once again, we look forward to serving the public in our endeavor to provide the highest level of public safety services and hope you have a safe and enjoyable time in Mono County.

Sheriff Rick Scholl

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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: January 20, 2010

RE: Closure of 395 Northbound from 203

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Highway 395 northbound from the junction of State Route 203 to Bridgeport was closed due to snowy and windy conditions. Due to the current conditions, Highway 395 from State Route 203 to Bridgeport will remain closed until Thursday morning, January 21, 2010 as well as Highway 158. Caltrans will re-evaluate the conditions at 6:00 a.m. and determine if the road will reopen. Until that time, drivers are advised to avoid these areas throughout the night and choose alternate traveling plans. Make sure to carry chains in your vehicle while traveling through the Sierra Nevada roadways. For the latest road conditions, travelers can call 1-800-GAS-ROAD for local conditions.

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From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: CODE RED Avalanche Warnings

At approximately 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, the Mono County Sheriff's Department issued several CODE RED avalanche warnings to specific areas throughout the county. The Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center's website indicated: "The Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center has issued a backcountry avalanche warning for the mountains from June Lake to Bishop Creek. Two to three feet of new snow over the last 36 hours has fallen along with strong southerly winds. Snowfall and strong winds will continue for the next 24 hours. The avalanche danger is HIGH on all slopes. Natural and human triggered avalanches are likely. Avalanche terrain including avalanche runout zones should be avoided."

CODE RED warnings have been issued to the Twin Lakes area out of Bridgeport, along with the June Lake, Long Valley, and Swall Meadows areas. All these areas are prone to avalanche danger as well as certain geological areas within these communities. The CODE RED message states that the avalanche danger is increased due to the recent heavy snowfall and high winds and that residents should be prepared to evacuate if necessary and it is recommended that if residents are displaced they should seek shelter with family and friends.

The Mono County Sheriff's Department will continue to monitor the situation for any changes. For more information, please visit the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center's website at www.esavalanche.org.

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From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: February 2, 2010

RE: CODE RED Countywide Testing

On Thursday, February 4, 2010, the Mono County Sheriff's Department will be conducting a countywide test of the CodeRED Community Notification System. This test is being conducted to clear the phone database of phone numbers that are no longer in service. This is a non-emergency message that will be disseminated to all countywide phone numbers that are currently within this system. If you would like your phone number to be a part of this database system, we encourage all residents and businesses to visit www.monosheriff.org, click on the CodeRED Community Notification System wording located on the left side of our homepage, and enter your contact information including any additional phone numbers, text message numbers, and email addresses to ensure all of the data in our system is accurate and current.

The CodeRED Community Notification System is used to disseminate important or critical information to the citizens and businesses in Mono County. Thank you for your understanding as we conduct this countywide test.

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From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: February 11, 2010

RE: Felony Sexual Assault Suspect Arrested

The Mono County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the Mono County District Attorney's Office has recently arrested Mr. Cody Carlisle, 25, on several counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a minor under the age of 16 and molestation of a child under the age of 18. All victims' names are confidential and will not be released due to the fact that they are minors under the age of 18.

Cody Carlisle is a Marine Sergeant assigned to the Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC). Sgt. Carlisle also acts as the Assistant Coach to the Coleville High School Football Team. He is currently in custody and his case is pending trial through the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

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Date: March 2, 2010
RE: Snowboarding Death at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The Mono County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Hidden Hills woman who died while snowboarding on Mammoth Mountain on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Erica Patterson was reported missing to Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol at 1:30 p.m. by her family. Ski Patrol conducted a search around the Chair 12 area and found Mrs. Patterson at 4:25 p.m. approximately 50 yards off the side of the run known as the Secret Spot in a tree well. There were no signs of trauma. Ski patrollers initiated CPR and made every effort to revive the victim on scene. Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful and Mono County Paramedics pronounced Mrs. Patterson deceased. The cause of death and circumstances are currently under investigation.

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Date: March 10, 2010
RE: 2010-2011 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Public Comment
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The Mono County Sheriff's Department has a public comment period open for the 2010-2011 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program. This grant is for off highway law enforcement efforts in Mono County. The Department will receive any public comment on this grant through Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Comments can be made at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov or PO Box 616 Bridgeport, CA 93517. All comments should be to the attention of Sgt. Jeff Beard.

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Date: March 16, 2010
RE: Coroner Investigation
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The Mono County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Mammoth Lakes resident who died at Mammoth Hospital preceding a snowboard accident. On Friday, March 12th, 2010, Joshua Hernandez was involved in a high speed snowboard collision with a fence while snowboarding on Mammoth Mountain. Hernandez returned home after the incident and was later transported to Mammoth Hospital. Hernandez went into cardiac arrest at the hospital where life saving efforts were unsuccessful.

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Date: March 23, 2010
RE: Coroner's Investigation into death of Mammoth resident
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The Mono County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Mammoth Lakes resident. On Saturday, March 20th, 21-year-old Brandon Misiurak was found by his girlfriend, deceased, on the floor next to the couch at his friend's residence. The night before, Misiurak and his girlfriend went to their friend's house to watch a basketball game and have a few drinks. Misiurak fell asleep on the couch. His friend and girlfriend realized he wasn't breathing normally and placed him on the floor next to the couch. His friend checked on him several hours later and he was snoring and breathing on the floor. His girlfriend checked on him first thing Saturday morning and he was no longer breathing. Mono County Paramedics were called to the scene and confirmed that Misiurak was deceased. The cause of death is still pending further investigation.

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Date: April 8, 2010
RE: Coroner's Investigation into death of Mammoth resident
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The Mono County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Crowley Lake resident. On Tuesday, April 6th, at approximately 8:30 am, Long Valley Fire Department was dispatched to 396 Juniper Drive regarding a possible deceased female that was found on the floor, unresponsive, by her family members. Mono County Sheriff's Department Coroner's arrived on scene and declared the decedent deceased. The decedent is 38-year-old Cary Shibley. The cause of death is still pending further investigation.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 04-20-2010

Subject: A Safe Opening of Fishing Season

With fishing season opener starting, Mono County Sheriff Rick Scholl wants to remind all of our visitors and locals alike to be prepared for changing weather conditions along with hazardous conditions on some of our lakes. Some lakes are softening up due to the recent warm weather and may be dangerous to walk on. Other lakes in the higher elevations may be safe for ice fishing; however, because of the rapidly changing conditions, we do not encourage people going out on the ice. Anytime you are exploring our beautiful county make sure someone knows where you are headed and be prepared for rain, snow, freezing temperatures or blue bird weather. Enjoy yourself and good luck on catching the big one.

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From: Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff

Date: April 22, 2010

RE: Traffic Stop Leads To Multiple Identifications

On Sunday April 18, 2010 at approximately 5:33p.m., a Mono County Deputy conducted a traffic stop in Walker Canyon on a vehicle for several minor traffic violations. The Deputy contacted the driver of the vehicle, identified as Ms. Verenisse Vasquez-Cancino age 27 a resident of Santa Ana, Ca. and the passenger Alfonso Guzman age 19 a resident of Orange Ca..

During the subsequent investigation, the Deputy determined that Vasquez-Cancino had no personal identification in her name, but had in her possession a credit card and other forms of identification or documents in names other than her own. Due to the belief that Vasquez-Cancino could be a false name, given the other items she was in possession of, the Deputy asked her to respond to the Bridgeport Sheriff Station to be positively identified (Cal-ID), to which she agreed.

Positive identification (fingerprints) did in fact confirm that she was indeed who she said she was, Ms. Vasquez-Cancino was released with only a citation for being an unlicensed driver.

In the days following the initial traffic stop, follow-up was conducted with the D.M.V. Law Enforcement Record Division, Orange County Register of Birth Records, Fountain Valley Police Department, U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service, a resident in Redwood City and a credit card investigative company.

The information gathered from the follow-up, along with statements from the initial contact with Ms. Vasquez-Cancino, makes it appear that Ms. Vasquez-Cancino obtained various forms of identification such as a California driver's license, a social security card, a U.S. passport and various credit cards in names other than her own.

Due to this new information, Ms. Vasquez-Cancino could be facing charges ranging from perjury to false impersonation of another, either within the Mono County Court system or in other various County's jurisdictions.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Off – Highway Vehicle Commander, Sergeant Jeff Beard
Date: April 27, 2010
Subject: Off-Highway Vehicle Grant – ATV Purchase

Sheriff Rick Scholl would like to announce that the Mono County Sheriff's Department has recently purchased two (2) Polaris 550 ATVs from Polaris Industries to conduct off-highway patrol. These ATV's were funded through an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant program through California State Parks. The off-highway patrols will compliment the current over the snow patrols which are currently in place.

The summer all-terrain vehicle patrols will focus on green sticker registration, helmet law enforcement and the safety of visitors and residents. The patrol program will also enforce wilderness intrusions and alcohol consumption while off-road recreating.

If there are any questions regarding helmet laws, off-highway vehicle registration or authorized areas to ride off-highway vehicles, please call the Mono County Sheriff's Department at (760)-932-7549 for assistance. You can also visit the Mono County Sheriff's Department website at www.monosheriff.org.

All off-highway vehicle enthusiasts are also encouraged to visit the California State Parks website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov for additional information regarding the use of off-highway vehicles prior to venturing out.





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From: Richard C. Scholl, Sheriff-Coroner

Date: 05-03/2010

Subject: 116th Annual Conference of the California State Sheriff's Association

This past week, I attended the 116th Annual Conference of the California State Sheriff's Association in Santa Barbara. There were close to 45 of the 58 Sheriff's represented at the conference. Legal updates, personnel issues, along with legislative proposals were discussed and how they will affect our respective counties. Governor Schwarzenegger attended our event and was highly supportive of law enforcement during his discussions.

The most significant impact to Mono County was my one-on-one meeting with the former Assistant Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. I spoke at length with him regarding State funding for a new jail facility and how Mono County can compete with larger agencies with a much greater need. After the discussions, I felt confident that Mono County will be able to compete with other agencies for potential funding of upwards of \$15,000,000 for the future design and building of a new jail facility. These discussions fell on the heels of the recent Jail Needs Assessment that was presented to the Board of Supervisors in April.

I have more meetings in the near future to coordinate this effort and to maximize the funding that Mono County may receive.

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From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 05-05-2010

Subject: School Resource Officer lends a hand in children's safety

The statistics in our country show that 40 children go missing each day. While most children are returned home safely, many others have a grim outcome as we read about in the news headlines. The Mono County Sheriff's Department, and specifically School Resource Officer Mike McGovern, has teamed up with all the schools within the Eastern Sierra Unified School District to present each child from grades kindergarten through 8th grade, including healthy start and preschool, with a fingerprint/DNA safe kid packet. These packets are designed with areas for your children's fingerprints; dental records (this section to be filled out by the child's dentist); a place for a current photo; an area to identify significant marks that would help in identification of your child; and an area to contain your child's DNA for up to three years. All of this information is essential in helping law enforcement officers and personnel in emergency situations.

Additional packets are also available if your child did not receive one. Please contact School Resource Officer McGovern at (760) 932-7549 for any assistance. Please let's keep our children safe now and be prepared.

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Although it is rare in Mono County for any issues to arise dealing with missing children, parents and Law Enforcement need to be prepared for such an instance. If Law Enforcement is called to deal with a missing child, as with a missing adult, we need certain information relating to that individual as quickly as possible.

When someone goes missing, Law Enforcement will need a current photo of that individual, and also possibly access to fingerprint, medical and dental records. Some of this information will assist Law Enforcement immediately when they are contemplating putting out an initial AMBER Alert (if the circumstances dictate), which needs to be done with expediency.

So to summarize, the more information available to Law Enforcement in the first few hours of the missing person incident, the better the possible outcome could be for all involved. As always, be prepared..!!



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From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

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Subject: Emergency Generator purchased for the Crowley Lake Community Center

The Mono County Sheriff's Department and the Office of Emergency Services have been researching a funding source to provide an emergency generator for the Crowley Lake Community Center. Under the direction of Sheriff Scholl, Sergeant Jeff Beard, Emergency Services Coordinator, has secured funding for this emergency generator through the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Installation of the generator will also be funded through the 2010/2011 EMPG grant with installation to take place after July 1, 2010.

This generator will help provide electricity to the Crowley Lake Community Center during emergency conditions and situations. The grant funded purchase of this emergency generator is another area where the Mono County Sheriff's Department and the Office of Emergency Services are working with the local communities and other county departments to enhance public safety services.



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Date: June 3, 2010

RE: Three Commercial Burglary Suspects Arrested

On Friday May 28, 2010 at approximately 7:34PM, units from the Mono County Sheriff's Office, Mammoth Lakes Police Department and California Highway Patrol responded to an area near the intersection of Highway 395 and Highway 203, specifically to an 'electrical switching facility', for a report of a burglary of that location.

Prior to arrival, the reporting party advised that a subject was hiding in the bushes nearby the location. When the Deputy(s) and Officer(s) arrived, the subject was located lying under a bush in an attempt to conceal himself. The subject was detained to determine if he was connected with the burglary. The subject was identified as Brien Dossiere, age 45, and a resident of Perris, Ca.

During the investigation it was determined that there could possibly be two other subjects in the area related to this crime. A flatbed truck was also located nearby the location of the burglary, parked along a pole line road; this truck had been reported stolen out of Anaheim, Ca. A search of the area for the two other subjects was conducted, but the two individuals were not located. Mr. Dossiere was arrested for commercial burglary and transported to the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport.

The following day, Saturday May 29, 2010 at approximately 5:55AM the Sheriff's Office received a report of a subject that was seen in the area of where the stolen truck was located the previous day. Units responded to the area, located two subjects, and detained them for further investigation. The subjects were identified as Ronald Jennings, age 48, a resident of Riverside, Ca. and Amy Phelan, age 33, a resident of Perris, Ca.

During this subsequent investigation and based on evidence located at the scene of the burglary, it was determined that these two additional subjects were indeed connected with the previous day's burglary of the location. These two subjects were then transported and booked at the Mono County Jail Facility in Bridgeport.

All three of the subjects will be facing numerous charges ranging from commercial burglary, vehicle theft, trespassing, receiving stolen property, vandalism, possession of burglary tools, etc.

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Ralph Obenberger
Undersheriff

To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Date: 06-11-2010
Subject: Re-Election of Sheriff Richard C. Scholl

The Mono County Sheriff's Department would like to thank everyone that exercised their right to vote on Tuesday, June 8th. Sheriff-Coroner Richard C. Scholl is honored to have been re-elected as Sheriff-Coroner by the citizens of Mono County. He is honored to represent the men and women of the Mono County Sheriff's Department and the serve the citizens of Mono County for another 4-year term. He plans to continue moving forward to accomplish the mission and goals of the Mono County Sheriff's Department.



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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Source: MONET Team
Date: 06-16-2010
Subject: Recent Narcotics Enforcement Activity

During the past three months, the Mono Narcotic Enforcement Team (MONET) concluded several investigations surrounding the sales and transportation of significant amounts of methamphetamine, marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, oxycontin (controlled prescription drug), and heroin.

Methamphetamine, marijuana, and psilocybin mushrooms have always been a problem for narcotics agents, but recently MONET has been dealing with an epidemic of adults, young and old, abusing oxycontin. This is a nationwide epidemic that has hit Mono County with a vengeance. Because oxycontin is more expensive and requires a prescription, the addicted users are turning to the less expensive heroin. Heroin is the illegal equivalent alternative to oxycontin.

In May, MONET agents served 5 search warrants and 7 suspects were arrested during this oxycontin/heroin operation. During the operation, MONET recovered 27 oxycontin/oxycodone pills, 6 grams of tar heroin, over 100 used hypodermic needles, and \$625 in currency. The following subjects were arrested during the operation;

Richard Ivan, 20 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for sales of oxycontin while out on bail on a previous MONET drug sales case.

Amanda Ross, 20 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Misha Endo, 21 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics, and destruction of evidence.

Tyler Roles, 19 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics.

Brandon Daunis, 28 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin and oxycontin, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Todd Talamantes, 23 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin and oxycontin, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Marci Danner, 26 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin.

In separate methamphetamine investigations, Kady Ruelas, 30 year old Bishop and Mammoth resident was arrested for sales and possession for sale of a ¼ oz. of methamphetamine. Aaron Lurie, 29 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for sales and possession for sale of a 1/8 oz. of methamphetamine.

In separate marijuana investigations, MONET served 3 search warrants and arrested 5 Mammoth Lakes residents. A total of over 4 pounds of processed marijuana was recovered along with 35 mature marijuana plants.

Tyson Theriault, 35 years old was arrested for possession of over 2 pounds of marijuana and over 7 ounces of Psilocybin Mushrooms. Theriault is currently on probation in Mono County on a previous MONET narcotics case.

Kyler Endersen, 25 years old was arrested for sales of marijuana and possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms.

Aaron Derue, 27 years old was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale.

Danielle Trapani, 23 years old was arrested for cultivation, possession for sale, sales, possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms, and possession of more than 1 oz. of marijuana.

Kyle Brendel, 23 years old was arrested for cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana, and possession of deadly/dangerous weapons.



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To: All News Outlets

From: Mono County Sheriff's Department

Date: 06/22/2010

RE: Press Release Regarding Recent Incidents

On 06/21/2010 at 10:10 am, the Mono County Sheriff's Department received a call from a citizen in Chalfant Valley reporting she may have found dynamite and blasting caps on her property. The Mono County Sheriff's Department and Chalfant Valley Fire Department responded to the scene. The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) Duty Officer was notified and a request for mutual aid was initiated. Explosive Technicians from CAL-FIRE responded on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 to dispose of the ordinance.

On June 22, 2010, the Mono County Sheriff's Department received two separate calls regarding overdue hikers in the county. The first call was for an overdue hiker in the White Mountains. Mono County Sheriff's Department personnel determined the general location to be in Inyo County. The hiker was located and is safe. The second incident was an overdue hiker that activated a Personal Location Beacon (PLB). The initial coordinates indicated the hiker was overdue in Mono County. After further investigation, the PLB activation was in Inyo County near the Owens Lake.

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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 06/23/2010

RE: Fallen Bicyclist on Uptown Bike Trail in Mammoth Lakes

On Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010 at approximately 3:15 pm, a 911 call was received by Mono County Sheriff's Department dispatch regarding a man that was found on the Uptown Bike Trail near Hwy 203 and the Scenic Loop Road that wasn't breathing. There were no signs of trauma on the fallen bicyclist. Mono County Paramedics performed advanced life saving measures and transported the man to Mammoth Hospital where further life saving measures were performed but were unsuccessful. The man was pronounced deceased at Mammoth Hospital at 4:10 pm.

The deceased man was identified as Michael Alan Greene, 65, of Topanga, CA. He and his wife own a second home in Mammoth Lakes. They had skied at Mammoth Mountain that morning and at approximately 3:00 pm, Mr. Greene departed on a solo bike ride. The exact cause of death is pending an autopsy.

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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: 07/08/2010

RE: Welcome Deputy John Pelichowski



The Mono County Sheriff's Department would like to congratulate and welcome Deputy John Pelichowski to our team. Deputy Pelichowski is an Eastern Sierra native that was hired through the ranks of the Mono County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Pelichowski started with the department in December of 2006 as a Public Safety Officer, which encompasses the duties of jailer and dispatcher. Through the support and authorization of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, in December of 2009, John was promoted to Deputy Sheriff and completed the 6-month training program at the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy held in Riverside, CA.

Deputy Pelichowski graduated from the academy on Thursday, June 17th, 2010. He graduated at the top of his class academically and in firearms training and was the class president. The department is glad to have him onboard as our newest Deputy! Congratulations, Deputy Pelichowski on your achievements.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 07-27-2010

Subject: Recent Narcotics Arrest along Hwy 395

On Saturday, July 24th at approximately 7:40 p.m., Mono County Sheriff's Department Deputies stopped a vehicle traveling in an erratic manner, northbound on Hwy 395 on Sherwin Grade heading toward Mammoth Lakes. The deputy made contact with the two individuals inside of the vehicle, identified as Regina Campbell, age 18, and Daniel Milev, age 35, both of Mammoth Lakes.

Upon contact, the Deputy noticed the passenger, Daniel Milev, appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and asked both parties to exit the vehicle. After a search of the vehicle, Milev admitted to being under the influence of heroin. Both Milev and Campbell were transported to the Mono County Jail for further investigation. Upon further investigation of Milev, just under an ounce of black tar heroin was found hidden on his person. He was arrested for the possession and transportation of a controlled substance. Regina Campbell was arrested for assisting in the transportation of a controlled substance. The case has been forwarded to the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Date: 07-28-2010
Subject: Juvenile Assault in Bridgeport

On Saturday, July 17th at approximately 7:21 p.m., Mono County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a possible juvenile assault in the Bridgeport area. Upon arriving on scene, the Deputies contacted several juveniles, and found an altercation between two juveniles had taken place. One juvenile had struck another with a handheld fire extinguisher.

The suspect juvenile was arrested for assault with force that could cause great bodily injury and is still currently in custody at Juvenile Hall in Independence. The other juvenile voluntarily sought medical treatment after the incident due to the injuries sustained during the assault.

No other information is available since both parties are minors.

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To: All News Outlets

From: Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff

Date: July 30, 2010

RE: Traffic Stop Leads To Arrest Of Mariposa Man

On July 27, 2010 at approximately 4:00pm a Mono County Deputy Sheriff conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the Bridgeport area for speed and erratic driving. The Deputy contacted the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Mr. Roger Conroy age 49 of Mariposa Ca.

During the investigation Mr. Conroy displayed symptoms of being under the influence of narcotics and was ultimately placed under arrest. The Deputy conducted a search of the vehicle and located several baggies containing methamphetamine along with narcotic paraphernalia.

Mr. Conroy was transported to and booked at the Bridgeport Sheriff Station. He will be facing numerous charges including possession of a controlled substance for sales, and transportation of a controlled substance.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Source: MONET Team
Date: 08-04-2010
Subject: Recent Narcotics Enforcement Activity

During the past month, the Mono Narcotic Enforcement Team (MONET) completed an investigation on two residents in the June Lake area. On Thursday, July 22, 2010, MONET Investigators and Mono County Sheriff's Deputies executed a search warrant at 2587 Hwy 158 in June Lake. Inside the residence, investigators located a marijuana grow operation; over two ounces of psilocybin mushrooms; small amounts of LSD; ecstasy; and hash. Robert Mitchell, 21 years old of June Lake, and Amanda Sharp, 19 years of age also of June Lake, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and for maintaining a residence for the purpose of drug sales or use.

To report any narcotic activity in your communities, please call (760) 616-0022 or email monet@monosheriff.org. You can remain anonymous.



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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Source: Sgt. Jeff Beard, OES Coordinator

Date: 08-09-2010

Subject: Airplane Crash in Bridgeport

On Sunday, August 8, 2010, at 10:17 am, the Mono County Sheriff's Department received a call from a citizen in Bridgeport reporting a plane crash at Bryant Field in Bridgeport. The Mono County Sheriff's Department, Bridgeport Fire Department, Mono County Paramedics, California Highway Patrol and fire crews from the Bridgeport Ranger District responded to Bryant Field and found a single engine plane resting alongside Highway 182. The single engine plane was attempting to land at Bryant Field and for an unknown reason skidded away from the runway and came to rest alongside Highway 182. The pilot, Mr. David Linde, age 61 of Truckee, Ca, and passengers self extricated themselves prior to the arrival of emergency crews. The pilot and one passenger sustained minor cuts and abrasions. The third passenger sustained moderate injuries and was taken to Mammoth Hospital for treatment.

The cause of the crash is currently under investigation by the FAA and NTSB.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Date: 08-09-2010
Subject: High Speed Vehicle Pursuit

On Saturday, August 7, 2010 at approximately 12:50 am, Mono County Sheriff's deputies observed a GMC Yukon traveling at a high rate of speed on Stock Drive in Bridgeport. A pursuit was initiated when the driver, identified as Carla Denver age 23 of Bridgeport, CA, failed to yield.

The pursuit lasted just over an hour in duration with speeds reaching 90mph. It was mainly on Highway 395 and Highway 182, but did transition at some points through Bridgeport itself. On multiple occasions during the pursuit, Ms. Denver swerved towards oncoming traffic forcing them off the roadway. Because of the erratic and dangerous driving displayed by Ms. Denver, the pursuit was cancelled several times with concern for public safety.

During one of the times the pursuit was discontinued, with another deputy deployed in the Walker area, two deputies parked near the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 108 knowing Ms. Denver was between those two points. Within a short time frame, Ms. Denver apparently made a u-turn and drove back to the area of Highway 395 and 108. She drove her vehicle at the deputies and their vehicles, which were parked off the highway. Ms. Denver struck one of the patrol vehicles, backed her vehicle up and attempted to run over the deputies, then drove off southbound on Highway 395 towards Bridgeport.

California Highway Patrol Officers, who assisted in the pursuit, deployed a spike-strip disabling one of her vehicle's tires. Ms. Denver continued driving on the rim for a short distance, at which point a PIT maneuver was conducted by CHP. Ms. Denver's vehicle then came to a stop. Her vehicle's doors were locked and she refused to exit.

To ensure the safety of all involved, and to guarantee this pursuit would not resume, a deputy shattered Ms. Denver's passenger window with his baton. Ms. Denver continued

to refuse to follow orders at which point a TAZER was deployed and she was finally taken into custody. She was transported to the Mono County Jail, is currently in custody awaiting charges from attempted murder of a peace officer, assault with a deadly weapon, failure to yield to a peace officer with a disregard for safety, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

One deputy sustained minor lacerations to his fingers during the pursuit termination, but no other injuries were reported by the motoring public which was affected by this incident.

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From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Source: Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR) Team
Deputy Pete DeGeorge

Date: 08-12-2010

Subject: Search for a missing climber

On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, the Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team were dispatched to the Saddlebag Lake area for the report of a missing climber that had not returned to camp. The SAR team along with a CHP helicopter conducted a search for the missing climber, Robert Schultz, 60 years of age from Lake Tahoe, CA, who was camping with a group at Cascade Lake and failed to return from a day hike on the evening of Tuesday, August 10.

The steep terrain around the lake was searched by ground, air and with a K-9. After a number of hours, the search teams found Mr. Schultz, deceased, near a steep rock wall west of the lake. Mr. Schultz was reported to have been a lead member of ski patrol from Lake Tahoe, an expert big wall climber and mountaineer who was familiar with the local area. The death is believed to be a result of a solo climber fall and is under investigation.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 08/23/2010

Subject: Local Hiker found deceased at Horseshoe Lake

On the morning of Saturday, August 21, 2010, Real Balthazar, age 78, of Mammoth Lakes, CA, was found deceased on the hiking trail the circles around Horseshoe Lake in the Mammoth Lakes area. A hiker walking the trail came across Mr. Balthazar's body lying in the middle of the trail. When no verbal response was received if Mr. Balthazar was alright, the hiker returned to his vehicle and called 911. He also let Forest Service Personnel in the area know of the incident. Forest Service Personnel along with a Mono County Sheriff's Department Deputy responded to Mr. Balthazar's location where he was found to be deceased. The nature of death is classified as natural pending autopsy results.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Date: 08/31/2010
Subject: Boy helps father after traffic accident

On the evening of Sunday, August 29, 2010, at approximately 7:35 pm, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an overturned vehicle on a remote dirt road in the Bridgeport area. Chadwick Gilzean, age 48 of Shingle Springs, CA, and his son, Ian, age 13, were on a Boy Scout camping trip and were traveling on a remote dirt road when Mr. Gilzean lost control of their vehicle causing the vehicle to strike a tree and overturn. Ian was able to undo his seat belt and climb free of the vehicle using the driver's side window. Ian sustained a minor cut to his hand as a result of the accident. He bandaged his own hand and then assisted his father.

Ian was able to free his father from his seat belt and drag him clear of the wreckage. His father was unconscious, unresponsive, and having difficulty breathing. Ian was able to clear his father's airway allowing his father to breathe freely and eventually regain consciousness. Due to his father's injuries, Ian moved him into a position of comfort and covered him with a sleeping bag. Ian located a GPS and was able to determine his approximate location and the direction of the nearest highway. Ian loaded a backpack with a sleeping bag, water purifier, small hatchet, first aid kit, flashlight, matches and several other survival items and then set out on foot to get his father medical help.

Ian hiked for an unknown time and distance before coming to a steep hillside leading down to the West Walker River. Ian slide down the hillside and then crossed the Walker River to get to the highway on the opposite side. He was able to flag down a passing motorist who assisted in getting Ian to a phone to call 911. Ian was then able to explain in detail to Sheriff's Deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers, Paramedics, and Fire Personnel where his father was located and assisted in guiding them to his father's aide. Due to the severity of his injuries, Mr. Gilzean was flown by helicopter to the hospital.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

Date: 09/08/10

Subject: Bank Robbery Suspect out of San Jose Arrested

On the evening of Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Mono County Sheriff's Department received information from the FBI that a person wanted for bank robbery in the San Jose area may be camping in the Bridgeport area. At approximately 9:20 p.m., a Mono County Sheriff's Deputy was patrolling the area around Buckeye Campground in Bridgeport, where he located the bank robbery suspect's vehicle. John Robert Alexander, age 56, of Auburn, CA, was taken into custody without incident on an arrest warrant for possibly being involved in nine bank robberies. The FBI has coined Mr. Alexander as "the Posse Box bandit." Mr. Alexander is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail.

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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
Source: Investigator John Estridge
Date: 09/08/10
Subject: Beware: Phone Scam

The Mono County Sheriff's Department has received numerous telephone calls from all over the United States from potential victims of a telephone scam. The victims report that they were contacted by a representative of the "Bridgeport Sheriff's Department." The representative has a Middle Eastern or Indian accent and claimed to be investigating an outstanding debt. The caller already had personal identifying information belonging to the victims such as social security numbers and account numbers. The caller asked the victims to call back on a provided number or be subject to arrest. The provided telephone number appears to be a local number but is actually a number from a phone bank in India.

The caller's telephone number is usually identified as all zeros on the victim's caller ID. The callers have also identified themselves as representatives from other bogus companies such as: United Legal Processing Division, Midline Marketing, Crime Monitoring Services, Monetary Crime Division, U.S. National Bank, and State Investigations Dept. of California. It is believed that the victim's genuine identifying information was obtained when they previously applied for a payday loan.

If you receive a telephone call similar to the ones described above, do not send any money or provide any additional personal financial information. Please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Source: Sgt. Tim Minder

Date: 09/17/10

Subject: Helicopter Crash

On Thursday, September 16, 2010, at approximately 6:25 p.m., the Mono County Sheriff's Department was informed by the Inyo National Forest dispatch center of a large black plume of smoke in the Glass Mountain Range. The smoke was believed to possibly be from a reported overdue aircraft enroute to Truckee, CA, via Bishop. Units from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, Inyo National Forest, and the Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team responded to the area and a ground search was initiated.

At approximately 10:50 p.m., the pilot of the downed helicopter walked into the Benton Fire Department after hiking out of Taylor Canyon from the crash site. The pilot advised the fire department that his passenger was still at the crash site and was suffering from extensive injuries. Mono County Paramedics and Care Flight were dispatched to the Taylor Canyon area. The female passenger and the aircraft wreckage were located in the McLaughlin Springs area. Both the pilot and his passenger were flown by Care Flight to Renown Medical Center in Reno for treatment.

The accident investigation is being conducted by the NTSB and FAA.

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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Source: MONET Team

Date: 10/27/2010

Subject: MONET Arrest

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010, two Mono County Sheriff Deputies assigned to the Mono Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET), one deputy in plain street clothes and the other deputy wearing his uniform with a sweater covering his uniform and a portion of his duty gun belt, and a specialist from the California Drug Enforcement Section, were traveling in an unmarked MONET vehicle on Frontage Road in Mammoth Lakes. They observed James Carlson, a Mammoth Lakes resident, walking past A-Frame liquor store with a large backpack. The deputies pulled up next to Carlson and asked, "Hey bro, do you know where the dispensary is?" Carlson replied to the deputies, "You looking for some Medies? I got some right here, bro" while walking over to the car.

Carlson stated that he had some killer weed from Humboldt and a scale in his backpack. One deputy stated that he had \$70. Carlson then asked if he could weigh it out in the undercover MONET car. The deputy had to move some equipment marked "SHERIFF" into the trunk while Carlson waited. Carlson got in and exchanged the marijuana for the money. During the transaction, the uniformed deputy's duty belt was partially visible but Carlson didn't notice. The deputies let Carlson exit the vehicle and then gave him the bad news that they were cops. Carlson stated that he thought they were cops but needed the money.

Carlson was then arrested and taken to Bridgeport where he is currently in custody in the Mono County Jail for selling marijuana to Sheriff's Deputies.

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Date: 11/29/2010

Subject: Fatal Car Accident in Mammoth Lakes

On Tuesday, November 23rd, Mammoth Lakes Police Department was dispatched for a vehicle off the roadway on Le Verne Street and Fir Street, in the Bluffs in Mammoth Lakes. A single, green Toyota Tacoma truck was located on its side by MLPD Officers about 100 feet down the embankment. Due to the terrain, deep snow, and weather conditions, MLPD requested the help of Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and Mono County Paramedics. Kevin Scott Green, age 30, of Summerland, Ca, was found partially pinned under the truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Autopsy results indicate that Mr. Green's death was due to major head injury sustained at the time of the accident.

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