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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: It's been a busy week for the Mono County Sheriff's Office

Over the course of the last week, the Mono County Sheriff's Office has been busy handling a wide range of calls to keep the residents and visitors of Mono County safe.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the town of Walker for speed. Upon contacting the subjects in the vehicle, and a subsequent investigation, one subject, Mr. Ricardo Galicia-Osuna, age 19, of South Lake Tahoe, CA, was placed under arrest for possession of cocaine and other various charges.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling inbound on Highway 203 from Highway 395, near the town of Mammoth Lakes, for several traffic violations. Upon contacting the subjects in the vehicle, and a subsequent investigation, one subject, Ms. Abigail Bateman, age 23, of San Diego, CA, was placed under arrest for possession of cocaine, possession of prescription narcotics without a prescription and other various charges.

On Thursday, April 25, 2013, patrol deputies, along with the California Highway Patrol, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Highway 395 and Highway 203 for illegal window tinting. Upon contacting the driver of the vehicle, and a subsequent investigation, the driver, Mr. Dillon Prieto, age 20, of Murrieta, CA, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.

On Thursday, April 25, 2013, patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Highway 395 and Highway 203 for non-functioning vehicle lighting. Upon contacting the occupants of the vehicle, and a subsequent investigation, both occupants, Ms. Andrea Francis, age 34, and Mr. Demorio Williams, age 40, both residents of Reno, NV, were arrested for possession of a stolen firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, receiving stolen property, and other various charges.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, at approximately 6:15 am, patrol deputies responded to a capsized vessel in June Lake. Mr. James Boyd, age 50, of Mount Baldy, CA, had just rented a boat from the Big Rock

Marina and inadvertently fell out of the boat into the lake, and then, overturned the boat completely trying to climb back into it. The boat was saved, all loose tackle and other items were lost to the bottom of the lake, and Mr. Boyd did not sustain any injuries.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, patrol deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the McGee Creek Caltrans Station for speed. Upon contacting the occupants of the vehicle, the driver Mr. Mario Salazar, age 32, of Bishop, CA, was arrested for driving under the influence, and the passenger, Mr. Alex Lujano, age 32, of Bishop, CA, was arrested for violating his parole terms.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, at approximately 4:15 am, MONET and Mono County Sheriff's deputies, along with the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and Mono County Paramedics, concluded a narcotics investigation at the Motel 6 in Mammoth Lakes. Two subjects, Mr. Jesse Lovell, age 20, and Ms. Kirea Lovell, age 22, both of Anaheim, CA, were arrested for possession and possession for sales of methamphetamine and heroin, and numerous other charges.

On Sunday, April 28, 2013, patrol deputies responded to Bridgeport for a report of a grand theft. Throughout an investigation, a possible suspect was identified as well as the vehicle. It was believed that the suspect was also possibly armed with a handgun. Shortly after gathering this information, the suspect's vehicle was seen in Bridgeport and a high risk traffic stop was conducted. The driver was identified as Mr. Paul Harlow, age 37, of Fernly, NV, and the victims positively identified him as the suspect they believed had committed the crime. Through further investigation, the stolen items were recovered (fishing gear, cell phones, etc.) from the suspect's vehicle. A loaded .357 handgun was also recovered from the vehicle. During the investigation, a second victim contacted the Sheriff's Office and ultimately identified his stolen property that was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. Mr. Harlow was arrested for grand theft, possession of a loaded firearm, possession of narcotics, and other charges.

Throughout the course of the past week, Mono County deputies also arrested (5) individuals for various warrant charges, our (3) patrol boats had numerous contacts on the water, and our deputies handled (1) Coroner investigation in the Walker area of a local resident whom appears to be of natural causes.

The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono County Sheriff's Department recently. Names of juveniles (under 18 years of age) are not public. Suspect information and ongoing investigation details are also withheld. Since most cases have yet to be adjudicated, all charges should be considered allegations. For questions/concerns regarding any information contained in this publication, contact Undersheriff Robert Weber at (760) 932-7549.