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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: Recent MONET Activity in the Walker/Coleville area

Within the past few weeks, the Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET), with the assistance of the Mono County Sheriff's Office, has completed several narcotics related investigations in the Walker/Coleville area.

During the last weeks of December, as part of a narcotics investigation, MONET agents, and the Mono County Sheriff's Office, conducted a search warrant investigation at a residence in Coleville. After several alerts within the residence from narcotics detection K9 "Tara", indicating the presence of narcotics, the subsequent discovery and recovery of multiple prescription narcotics; glass smoking devices; a digital scale; two (2) used hypodermic needles; and plastic bindles led to the arrest of two individuals that were booked into the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport without incident. A third party was arrested, in conjunction with this investigation, by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in Nevada and transported to the Mono County Jail without incident.

Floyd Hancock, age 55, of Coleville, CA, and Tammy Braier, age 53, also of Coleville, CA, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Michael Braier, age 29, of Coleville, CA, was later located in Nevada and arrested for the sales of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Braier is currently in custody in the Mono County Jail. Charges for all three individuals are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

The following week, as part of a separate ongoing narcotics investigation, MONET agents, and the Mono County Sheriff's Office, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on Hwy 395 through Coleville. The narcotics detection K9 "Tara" was requested and a sniff and search of the vehicle was conducted. A physical search of the vehicle was conducted after "Tara" indicated the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. The discovery and recovery of ecstasy; steroids; and prescription narcotics led to the arrest of one individual who was transported and booked in the Mono County Jail without incident.

Robert Underwood, age 22, of Gardnerville, NV, was arrested for the possession of a controlled substance and sales of a controlled substance. All charges are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

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