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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: January 14, 2014

RE: Traffic stop leads to narcotics arrest

On the evening of January 11, 2014, at approximately 10:50 pm, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on Hwy 395 near Walker.

Braden Marsh, age 22, of Escondido, CA, and passenger, Merissa Sanchez, age 18, also of Escondido, CA, were stopped by deputies on northbound Hwy 395 near Hackney Drive in Walker for speeding. As deputies approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana emitted from the vehicle. Both Mr. Marsh and Ms. Sanchez were asked to exit the vehicle. Upon a vehicle search, a black purse was located under the rear passenger seat floor board containing over three hundred (300) grams of concentrated cannabis candies; four (4) grams of concentrated cannabis wax; nine (9) grams of psilocybin mushrooms; two (2) blotter tabs of LSD; five (5) capsules of ecstasy; seven (7) grams of marijuana; a digital scale; multiple plastic packaging bags; and a glass pipe. Located along the center console of the vehicle, two (2) large glass bongs were also recovered. Mr. Marsh and Ms. Sanchez were arrested and transported to the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport without incident.

Braden Marsh, age 22, of Escondido, CA, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance for sale; transportation of a controlled substance; possession of concentrated cannabis; possession of marijuana for sale; and possession of marijuana while driving. Mr. Marsh is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail.

Merissa Sanchez, age 18, of Escondido, CA, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance for sale; transportation of a controlled substance; possession of concentrated cannabis; and possession of marijuana for sale. Ms. Sanchez is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail.

All charges for Mr. Marsh and Ms. Sanchez are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

Written and reported by: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

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.