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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: MONET Investigations lead to seven arrests

The Mono Narcotic Enforcement Team (MONET) concluded several investigations over the past week resulting in six search warrants in the town of Mammoth Lakes. These search warrant investigations lead to seven arrests.

Rafael Becerra, 53, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for sales and possession of pirated DVD movies. This is a felony in California and carries very strict penalties both criminally and civilly by the Motion Picture Industry. In this particular case, the MONET team worked with the Motion Picture Industry investigators.

Michael McMahon, 30, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for sales and possession of over one pound of marijuana.

Arturo Alcala, 20, of Mammoth Lakes, and a juvenile accomplice, were arrested for conspiracy in selling cocaine.

Manuel Ruelas, 39, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for the sales of cocaine.

Robert Borah, 54, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for sales of prescription medications and possession of stolen property.

William Crosby, 63, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for the sales of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and cultivation of marijuana. Mr. Crosby was the co-owner/operator of Mammoth420.com and is alleged to have been operating outside the State's Medical Marijuana laws.

All of those arrested were taken to and booked into the Mono County Jail with the exception of the juvenile who was taken to juvenile hall in Independence. Four of the seven arrested were undocumented citizens, and once adjudicate, will be held by the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration Customs Enforcement.

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-old) 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 Ralph Obenberger at (760) 932-7549.