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From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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

Subject: Rescue of lost snowboarder on Mammoth Mountain

On the afternoon of January 18th, 2011, the Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR) Team was called out to assist in locating a lost snowboarder at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. David Joseph, age 27, of Crystal Heights, CA, was snowboarding by himself and unknowingly crossed the western edge of the ski area boundary and became lost. He was able to contact his father by cell phone. His father then notified Ski Patrol of his son's predicament. Ski Patrol began searching for him but were unable to find him as Mr. Joseph reported that he thought he was somewhere inside the ski area boundary.

The SAR Team was able to pinpoint his location by having him call 911. The California Highway Patrol dispatch center in Bishop received the cell phone call and was able to obtain a global position system (GPS) location reading from his cell phone. Ski patrollers were then directed to his location just outside the ski area boundary and assisted Mr. Joseph back to the ski area. The patrollers and Mr. Joseph were then transported back to Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge by snowcat where he was reunited with his father.

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.