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To: All News Outlets

From: Ralph Obenberger, Undersheriff

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RE: Is Winter Coming Back – Think Before You Drive

During the months of January and February, citizens and visitors of Mono County have not had to deal with many winter driving issues relating to snow, whiteout conditions, etc, but the upcoming forecast looks as if old man winter might be coming back to town.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to emphasize to the public that they need to be prepared at all times when they are out and about in town or on the highway, in a vehicle or on foot. Carry extra food, water and clothing in your vehicle in case you are unable to arrive at your destination and have to remain in your vehicle for an unknown amount of time due to weather or road conditions.

Watch for snow removal equipment or individuals on the roadway, whether that be a large snowplow on the highway or just a resident with a snow thrower or shovel in hand. If you watch for them, both their safety and your own could benefit from your awareness.

Please be aware of various locations throughout the County that have parking restrictions. There are areas within Crowley Lake and June Lake that have no parking restrictions, and during snow events, if a vehicle is violating this, it can truly hinder snow removal. Please adhere to the no parking restrictions, as if you violate these you are subject to citation and/or your vehicle is subject to towing. These restrictions are in place for the safety of all involved especially during snow removal situations.

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.