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**- PRESS RELEASE -**

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Date: March 2, 2010  
RE: Snowboarding Death at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area  
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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The Mono County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a Hidden Hills woman who died while snowboarding on Mammoth Mountain on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Erica Patterson was reported missing to Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol at 1:30 p.m. by her family. Ski Patrol conducted a search around the Chair 12 area and found Mrs. Patterson at 4:25 p.m. approximately 50 yards off the side of the run known as the Secret Spot in a tree well. There were no signs of trauma. Ski patrollers initiated CPR and made every effort to revive the victim on scene. Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful and Mono County Paramedics pronounced Mrs. Patterson deceased. The cause of death and circumstances are currently under investigation.

*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.*