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To: All Media Outlets

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Subject: School Resource Officer lends a hand in children's safety

The statistics in our country show that 40 children go missing each day. While most children are returned home safely, many others have a grim outcome as we read about in the news headlines. The Mono County Sheriff's Department, and specifically School Resource Officer Mike McGovern, has teamed up with all the schools within the Eastern Sierra Unified School District to present each child from grades kindergarten through 8th grade, including healthy start and preschool, with a fingerprint/DNA safe kid packet. These packets are designed with areas for your children's fingerprints; dental records (this section to be filled out by the child's dentist); a place for a current photo; an area to identify significant marks that would help in identification of your child; and an area to contain your child's DNA for up to three years. All of this information is essential in helping law enforcement officers and personnel in emergency situations.

Additional packets are also available if your child did not receive one. Please contact School Resource Officer McGovern at (760) 932-7549 for any assistance. Please let's keep our children safe now and be prepared.

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.