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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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Subject: Stand-off Incident in Mono City: Final Update

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At approximately 2:00pm, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies received a call of a female, identified as Gwynneth Brimelow, age 48, of Lee Vining, CA, had possibly committed suicide. The reporting party stated they were missing a .45 caliber handgun and believed Ms. Brimelow had taken the weapon. The reporting party searched for Ms. Brimelow's vehicle and it was ultimately located at a residence in Mono City where the reporting party believed Ms. Brimelow may have committed suicide. Mono County Sheriff's Deputies were then dispatched to the residence in Mono City.

Upon initial contact at the residence, there was no response from Ms. Brimelow who was believed to have entered the house through a back door. Finally contact was made with Ms. Brimelow who then got into a verbal altercation with the deputies. At that time, the deputies decided to back off and called for further assistance from other Mono County Sheriff's Deputies, the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and the Mono County Paramedics. Further contact with Ms. Brimelow was attempted via cell phone with no response. A flash bang device was used at the front of the residence to divert Ms. Brimelow's attention. Entry into the residence was ultimately made where Ms. Brimelow resisted arrest and subsequently hurt her shoulder. A loaded .45 caliber handgun was found adjacent to her person. She was transported to Mammoth Hospital for evaluation due to her blood alcohol level being extremely high. After evaluation, Ms. Brimelow was taken into custody where she faces possible charges of burglary and a grand theft.

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.*