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Subject: Recent Narcotics Enforcement Activity

During the past three months, the Mono Narcotic Enforcement Team (MONET) concluded several investigations surrounding the sales and transportation of significant amounts of methamphetamine, marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, oxycontin (controlled prescription drug), and heroin.

Methamphetamine, marijuana, and psilocybin mushrooms have always been a problem for narcotics agents, but recently MONET has been dealing with an epidemic of adults, young and old, abusing oxycontin. This is a nationwide epidemic that has hit Mono County with a vengeance. Because oxycontin is more expensive and requires a prescription, the addicted users are turning to the less expensive heroin. Heroin is the illegal equivalent alternative to oxycontin.

In May, MONET agents served 5 search warrants and 7 suspects were arrested during this oxycontin/heroin operation. During the operation, MONET recovered 27 oxycontin/oxycodone pills, 6 grams of tar heroin, over 100 used hypodermic needles, and \$625 in currency. The following subjects were arrested during the operation;

Richard Ivan, 20 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for sales of oxycontin while out on bail on a previous MONET drug sales case.

Amanda Ross, 20 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Misha Endo, 21 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics, and destruction of evidence.

Tyler Roles, 19 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for maintaining a residence for the purpose of selling and/or using narcotics.

Brandon Daunis, 28 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin and oxycontin, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Todd Talamantes, 23 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin and oxycontin, and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Marci Danner, 26 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for possession for sale and transportation of tar heroin.

In separate methamphetamine investigations, Kady Ruelas, 30 year old Bishop and Mammoth resident was arrested for sales and possession for sale of a ¼ oz. of methamphetamine. Aaron Lurie, 29 year old Mammoth Lakes resident was arrested for sales and possession for sale of a 1/8 oz. of methamphetamine.

In separate marijuana investigations, MONET served 3 search warrants and arrested 5 Mammoth Lakes residents. A total of over 4 pounds of processed marijuana was recovered along with 35 mature marijuana plants.

Tyson Theriault, 35 years old was arrested for possession of over 2 pounds of marijuana and over 7 ounces of Psilocybin Mushrooms. Theriault is currently on probation in Mono County on a previous MONET narcotics case.

Kyler Endersen, 25 years old was arrested for sales of marijuana and possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms.

Aaron Derue, 27 years old was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale.

Danielle Trapani, 23 years old was arrested for cultivation, possession for sale, sales, possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms, and possession of more than 1 oz. of marijuana.

Kyle Brendel, 23 years old was arrested for cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana, and possession of deadly/dangerous weapons.