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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO
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Subject: High Speed Vehicle Pursuit

On Saturday, August 7, 2010 at approximately 12:50 am, Mono County Sheriff's deputies observed a GMC Yukon traveling at a high rate of speed on Stock Drive in Bridgeport. A pursuit was initiated when the driver, identified as Carla Denver age 23 of Bridgeport, CA, failed to yield.

The pursuit lasted just over an hour in duration with speeds reaching 90mph. It was mainly on Highway 395 and Highway 182, but did transition at some points through Bridgeport itself. On multiple occasions during the pursuit, Ms. Denver swerved towards oncoming traffic forcing them off the roadway. Because of the erratic and dangerous driving displayed by Ms. Denver, the pursuit was cancelled several times with concern for public safety.

During one of the times the pursuit was discontinued, with another deputy deployed in the Walker area, two deputies parked near the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 108 knowing Ms. Denver was between those two points. Within a short time frame, Ms. Denver apparently made a u-turn and drove back to the area of Highway 395 and 108. She drove her vehicle at the deputies and their vehicles, which were parked off the highway. Ms. Denver struck one of the patrol vehicles, backed her vehicle up and attempted to run over the deputies, then drove off southbound on Highway 395 towards Bridgeport.

California Highway Patrol Officers, who assisted in the pursuit, deployed a spike-strip disabling one of her vehicle's tires. Ms. Denver continued driving on the rim for a short distance, at which point a PIT maneuver was conducted by CHP. Ms. Denver's vehicle then came to a stop. Her vehicle's doors were locked and she refused to exit.

To ensure the safety of all involved, and to guarantee this pursuit would not resume, a deputy shattered Ms. Denver's passenger window with his baton. Ms. Denver continued

to refuse to follow orders at which point a TAZER was deployed and she was finally taken into custody. She was transported to the Mono County Jail, is currently in custody awaiting charges from attempted murder of a peace officer, assault with a deadly weapon, failure to yield to a peace officer with a disregard for safety, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

One deputy sustained minor lacerations to his fingers during the pursuit termination, but no other injuries were reported by the motoring public which was affected by this incident.

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.