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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, PIO

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Subject: Local Hiker found deceased at Horseshoe Lake

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On the morning of Saturday, August 21, 2010, Real Balthazar, age 78, of Mammoth Lakes, CA, was found deceased on the hiking trail the circles around Horseshoe Lake in the Mammoth Lakes area. A hiker walking the trail came across Mr. Balthazar's body lying in the middle of the trail. When no verbal response was received if Mr. Balthazar was alright, the hiker returned to his vehicle and called 911. He also let Forest Service Personnel in the area know of the incident. Forest Service Personnel along with a Mono County Sheriff's Department Deputy responded to Mr. Balthazar's location where he was found to be deceased. The nature of death is classified as natural pending autopsy results.

*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.*