



P.O. Box 616 / 100 BRYANT STREET • BRIDGEPORT, CA 93517 • (760) 932-7549 / FAX (760) 932-7435

Richard C. Scholl
Sheriff/Coroner

MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- PRESS RELEASE -

Ralph Obenberger
Undersheriff

To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: August 31, 2011

Subject: Recent Narcotics Arrest along Hwy 395 in the Bridgeport Area

On Sunday, August 28, 2011, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Mono County Sheriff's Department Deputies stopped a Tioga motor home for not observing the speed limit as it traveled north bound on Hwy 395 north of Bridgeport. The deputy made contact with the individuals inside of the vehicle, identified as Ismael Santiago, age 34, Francine Hoffman, age 55, and John Ottombrino, age 62, all of San Diego, CA. As the deputy made contact with the driver, Ismael Santiago, Mr. Santiago fell off the driver's seat landing in between the driver and passenger seats while trying to hand his driver's license to the deputy. Mr. Santiago was showing signs of being under the influence of drugs.

Upon further investigation, Mr. Santiago, stated he had a medical marijuana card and a search of the vehicle was conducted to verify Mr. Santiago was in compliance with the medical marijuana laws. It was determined that Mr. Santiago had a false card and was placed under arrest for the possession of marijuana. Upon further search of the motor home, 19 grams of hashish; several capsules of ecstasy and LSD; and several containers of cannabis milk were recovered. The two passengers, Francine Hoffman and John Ottombrino, were placed under arrest for the possession of controlled substances. All three individuals were taken into custody at the Mono County Jail and charges are pending with the District Attorney's Office.

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.