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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer
Date: October 20, 2011
RE: Report of possible gun shots in Chalfant Valley

On the morning of Thursday, October 20, 2011, at approximately 6:50, Mono County Sheriff's Department dispatch received a call regarding possible gun shots fired on Valley Road in Chalfant.

Mono County Sheriff's deputies, along with California Highway Patrol, were dispatched to a residence on Valley Road in Chalfant with the report of a man yelling followed by the sound of multiple gun shots. When deputies arrived on scene, they observed a fire in a burn barrel actively burning in the back yard. Deputies made contact with Kenneth Wayne Riggins, age 37, of Chalfant. Mr. Riggins had placed live ammunition into an actively burning barrel causing the ammunition to be set off. The ammunition was continually discharging while deputies were on scene causing a public safety issue. The rounds in the barrel were the "possible shots fired" that were heard. Mono County Code Enforcement, along with the Mono County Building Department, was called to the residence. The residence has been red tagged. Upon further investigation into this incident, it was determined that Mr. Riggins was under the influence of a controlled substance and was taken into custody and transported to the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport. This incident is still under investigation with the Mono County Sheriff's Department and the Mono County Building Department.

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.