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To: All Media Outlets
From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer
Date: October 31, 2011
RE: Coroner's Investigation into the death of a Mammoth Lakes resident

On the morning of Monday, October 31, 2011, at approximately 8:00, Mono County Sheriff's Department dispatch received a call regarding an unresponsive male in the Mammoth Lakes area.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department along with the Mono County Paramedics was dispatched to a residence on Evergreen Street in Mammoth Lakes for the report of an unresponsive male. Upon arrival on scene, John Tobacco, age 30, of Mammoth Lakes, was found unresponsive and without vital signs at which time he was pronounced deceased. Mono County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the scene to begin a coroner's investigation. Currently, the death is of a suspicious nature and is being jointly investigated by Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the Mono County Sheriff's Department. Cause of death is 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.