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To: All Media Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: November 3, 2011

RE: Update into the Coroner's Investigation into the death of a Mammoth Lakes resident

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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.

John Tobacco, age 30, of Mammoth Lakes, was found unresponsive and without vital signs by his roommate. Mammoth Lakes Police Department and Mono County Paramedics were dispatched to the residence on Evergreen Street in Mammoth. When units arrived on scene, it was determined that Mr. Tobacco was deceased. Mono County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the scene to begin the coroner's investigation. The death of Mr. Tobacco is being jointly investigated by the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the Mono County Sheriff's Department as a suspicious death. No weapons were involved in the incident; however, narcotics were found at the scene. Final cause of death is pending autopsy results which are scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2011, and toxicological 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.*