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Accidental Gunshot Wound To Juvenile

On May 30, 2009 at approximately 1:44pm a Mono County Deputy was dispatched to a residence in the Chalfant area regarding an accidental gunshot wound to a juvenile (11 years of age and a Bishop resident). While enroute the Deputy was advised that the victim was being transported to Northern Inyo Hospital. The Deputy contacted the victim and his father at the hospital and determined that the juvenile did indeed suffer a minor wound to his left index finger possibly from a handgun.

During further investigation it was determined that the juvenile was at a relative's house in the Chalfant area when the incident occurred. Apparently the juvenile had found a .32 cal. Derringer at his father's residence, along with some ammunition from an unknown location for the handgun. While at his relatives residence in Chalfant the juvenile went into an adjacent field where he discharged the handgun causing his wound.

The juvenile stated that he could not remember if after the incident, he dropped or threw the handgun. A thorough search of the field where the incident occurred was conducted by Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Chalfant Fire and neighbors, some using metal detectors, but the attempts to locate the handgun were unsuccessful.

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.