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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On 07/08/2009 at approximately 4:30 pm, the Mono County Sheriff's Department received a report of a possible downed aircraft in the Twin Lakes area of Mammoth Lakes. Personnel from the Mono County Sheriff's Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, Mono County Paramedics, and the Mono County Search and Rescue team responded to Twin Lakes and commenced a search for the downed aircraft. The aircraft was located above Twin Lakes Resort and the occupants were found to be deceased.

The aircraft was traveling from Phoenix, AZ enroute to Washington. The aircraft landed at the Mammoth/Yosemite airport to refuel. Upon takeoff, it was report that the aircraft flying very low. It apparently then tried to turn to get out of the area and then hit some trees and crashed. The FAA and NTSB are in the area as of 07/09/2009 to determine what caused the crash. Further details are pending the investigation. Names will be released pending notification of next of kin.

*The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono Count 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.*