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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All News Outlets
From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer
Date: January 21, 2014
RE: Traffic stop leads to arrest of two Nevada residents

On the morning of Monday, January 20, 2014, at approximately 10:50 am, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle headed southbound on Hwy 395 at Hwy 203 for no registration stickers on the rear license plate.

Jose Arreola, age 29, of Reno, NV, and passenger Esidro Andrade, age 33, of Sparks, NV, were stopped by deputies on southbound Hwy 395 at Hwy 203 for no registration stickers on the rear license plate. As the vehicle was run for current registration information, Mono County Sheriff's Dispatch advised deputies that Mr. Arreola had an active arrest warrant out of San Bernardino and Mr. Andrade was a convicted felon out of Nevada for the trafficking of narcotics. Dispatch also advised deputies that neither Mr. Arreola nor Mr. Andrade had a valid driver's license. When Mr. Arreola was questioned about the current registration on the vehicle, he stated that a friend of his had stolen the current license plate for the vehicle.

Due to Mr. Andrade's history of narcotics trafficking, deputies requested the narcotic detection K-9 "Tara" to conduct a search of the vehicle. With several alerts in the vehicle by "Tara", indicating the presence of narcotics, a physical search of the vehicle was conducted with the discovery and recovery of over fifteen (15) grams of methamphetamine, and a glass pipe with burnt methamphetamine residue inside, sitting between the driver's and passenger's seat. Both Mr. Arreola and Mr. Andrade were placed under arrest and transported to the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport without incident.

Jose Arreola, age 29, of Reno, NV, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance for sale; driving without a license; and forged/altered vehicle registration. Mr. Arreola is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail.

Esidro Andrade, age 33, of Sparks, NV, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance; possession of a controlled substance for sale; possession of controlled substance paraphernalia; and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Mr. Andrade is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail.

All charges for Mr. Arreola and Mr. Andrade are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

Written and reported by: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer