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To: **All Media Partners**

From: **Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer**

Date: **March 20, 2014**

RE: **MONET warrant leads to arrest of a Mammoth Lakes resident**

The Mono County Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET), with the assistance of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, concluded a narcotics warrant investigation in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

In the past couple of weeks, as part of a narcotics warrant investigation, MONET agents, along with the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD), concluded a warrant arrest at a residence in Mammoth Lakes. MLPD Officers made contact with Dustin Coats inside his residence in Mammoth Lakes. Mr. Coats was openly smoking marijuana in the presence of his two-year-old son and Officers as they made contact. It was explained to Mr. Coats that he had a warrant out for his arrest for the purchase and sales of prescription narcotics. Mr. Coats was arrested by MLPD Officers and transported to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department without incident.

MONET agents met Mr. Coats at the Mammoth Lakes Police Department for further questioning. Mr. Coats stated he had purchased prescription narcotics and turned around and sold them on several different occasions. Mr. Coats also stated, that even though it was stupid, he had taken his two-year-old son with him during the prescription narcotic sale transactions. Mr. Coats was taken to the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport without incident.

Dustin Coasts, age 27, of Mammoth Lakes, was arrested for possession of a narcotic controlled substance; possession of a narcotics controlled substance for sale; transportation of a narcotic controlled substance for sale; conspiracy to commit a crime; and willful cruelty to a child.

All charges are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

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