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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Partners

From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: Routine traffic stop turns into a high speed pursuit

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, at approximately 8:30 am, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a routine traffic stop on a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed through the community of Coleville.

Mono County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a routine traffic stop on northbound Hwy 395 in the community of Coleville for a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. When deputies approached the vehicle, both driver and passenger acted suspiciously when asked by deputies for their identification, registration and proof of insurance. Both the driver, Zachary Carr, age 32, of Pocatello, ID, and passenger, Geoffrey Guess, age 26, told deputies they didn't have their identification with them and "must have left it at home." Mr. Carr was asked to turn off the engine and to step out of the vehicle. Mr. Carr complied with the deputies' request and exited the vehicle. As deputies were questioning Mr. Carr, the passenger, Geoffrey Guess, climbed into the driver's seat of the vehicle and sped away. As deputies were trying to safely secure Mr. Carr in the back of the patrol unit, Mr. Carr became uncooperative. Deputies were finally able to detained Mr. Carr in the back of the patrol unit. Due to Mr. Carr being detained, and the high rate of speed at which the fleeing vehicle was traveling, Mono County Sheriff's Dispatch put out an alert to Nevada law enforcement and Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies initiated the pursuit.

Upon further questioning, Mr. Carr stated that he was helping Mr. Guess flee law enforcement out of Utah. Mr. Carr knew Mr. Guess was a fugitive and was aiding in taking him to Southern California to prevent him from being arrested. Mr. Carr also stated that he had recently consumed methamphetamine.

Zachary Carr, age 32, of Pocatello, ID, was arrested for aiding a fugitive; evading a peace officer; and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Mr. Carr is currently in custody at the Mono County Jail with all charges pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

Geoffrey Guess, age 26, led Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies and Nevada Highway Patrol on a high speed pursuit (with speeds over 100 mph) through Carson City, NV, and Reno, NV. Mr. Guess was able to escape the Nevada Highway Patrol in Reno and is currently still at large. Mr. Guess has a Class III felony warrant out of Utah and a misdemeanor warrant out of Kings County and is suspected to be dangerous. Mr. Guess was driving a 2013 Silver Hyundai sedan with California license plate 6VRP791. The vehicle has been recovered but law enforcement is still searching for Mr. Guess. If anyone has any information on the location of Mr. Guess, please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

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