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## MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

Robert Weber Undersheriff

To: All Media Partners

From: Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

Date: May 8, 2014

**RE:** Traffic stop leads to narcotics arrest in Bridgeport

On the evening of Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at approximately 9:15pm, Mono County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling southbound on Hwy 395 through the community of Bridgeport.

Mark Bishop, age 55, of Claremont, CA, and passenger, Heather Davis, age 25, of Alta Loma, CA, were enroute from Lake Tahoe to Rancho Cucamonga, when they were pulled over by deputies on southbound Hwy 395 at the Walker River Lodge in Bridgeport for several vehicle code violations. As deputies approached the vehicle, an overwhelming odor of marijuana emitted from the vehicle. Both Mr. Bishop and Ms. Davis exited the vehicle. When asked if any narcotics were present inside the vehicle, Mr. Bishop stated there was marijuana but under the legal parameter of his medical marijuana card. He stated he also had proper, legal documentation to show he could transport the marijuana. Upon a vehicle search, four (4) large trash bags containing 64 pounds (1,024 ounces) of marijuana buds and trimmings; one (1) white plastic bag containing 2.5 pounds (40.23 ounces) of processed marijuana; one (1) white plastic bag containing 10.14 ounces of concentrated cannabis; and one (1) plastic bag, belonging to Ms. Davis, containing cocaine were recovered from the vehicle. The "transportation documents" Mr. Bishop possessed for the transportation of the marijuana was fictitious and did not allow for legal transportation of marijuana.

Mark Anthony Bishop, age 55, of Claremont, CA, was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale; possession of concentrated cannabis; and possession of marijuana over 28.5 grams. Mr. Bishop placed bail and was released from the Mono County Jail.

Heather Ashley Davis, age 25, of Alta Loma, CA, was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale; possession of a narcotic controlled substance; possession of concentrated cannabis; and possession of marijuana over 28.5 grams. Ms. Davis is currently in custody in the Mono County Jail.

All charges for Mr. Bishop and Ms. Davis are pending with the Mono County District Attorney's Office.

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

