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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: Mono County Sheriff's Office Welcomes a New Member to the MONET Task Force

In late 2012, the Mono County Sheriff's Office added its newest member to the Mono Narcotics Enforcement Team (MONET). "Tara" is a 4-year old Belgian Malinois who is trained in narcotic detection.

Recently, "Tara" and her handler, the Mono County Sheriff's Office Narcotic Enforcement Deputy, attended a 200-hour training and certification course in Riverside, CA, sponsored by Alderhorst International Kennels. This course certified "Tara" in narcotic detection.



"Tara" is trained to detect the odor of narcotics, specifically marijuana, heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, methamphetamine and their derivatives. She is trained to alert to the presence of narcotic odor. Her alert consists of a noticeable change in behavior with a final response of barking, biting, or scratching at the location of the odor. Her alerts vary depending on the location of the odor. "Tara" is trained on odor strength varying from residual narcotic odors to the odor of pounds of narcotics.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office is pleased to welcome "Tara" as the newest member of our team!

Written and prepared by Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

The law requires that arrest information be made available to the public. This publication may contain suspect information about individuals booked by the Mono County 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 Robert Weber at (760) 932-7549.