



**Humboldt County, Nevada
Sheriff's Office
Ed Kilgore, Sheriff**

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: May 4, 2009

LOCATION: Far western edge of Humboldt County south of Soldier Meadows

DETAILS: On Saturday, May 2, 2009, at just a few minutes before 3 PM, the Humboldt County Dispatch Center received a call from an emergency alert company in Houston, Texas, regarding an emergency beacon that they were receiving from one of their clients. This company informed Dispatch that they were receiving an alert from a client who had in his possession a hand-held GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) unit that also had an emergency button on it.

The emergency center (the International Emergency Response Coordination Center) provided Humboldt County authorities with specific coordinates as to where they were receiving the alert beacon from. Once equipped with the coordinates, it was apparent that the GPS user was just south of the Soldier Meadows area on the far western edge of Humboldt County. An Incident Command Post was established in Winnemucca, and Humboldt County Sheriff Ed Kilgore, accompanied by his Search and Rescue Commander Tom Casey and Search and Rescue member Ron Moser, started their response to the Soldier Meadows location.

The Incident Command Post in Winnemucca subsequently made contact with the alert company in Houston, and learned that the holder of the GPS unit was a 39-year-old male from the San Francisco, California, area. H.C.S.O. personnel were also able to obtain the type of vehicle the subject was driving, and who the subject's emergency contact in San Francisco was.

Because of the extreme distance from Winnemucca, a request for outside county assistance was made to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. One of the resident deputies assigned to the Gerlach substation was contacted, and he started north out of Gerlach to the Soldier Meadows area. Members of the Washoe County Search and Rescue Unit also began converging on Gerlach as well.

At approximately ten minutes to eight in the evening, the subject was located by Washoe County personnel in the specific area as provided by the GPS coordinates about 27 miles north of Gerlach. He was unharmed. He advised Sheriff's office staff that his vehicle had become extremely stuck, and he was unable to get it free without assistance.

**RELEASING AUTHORITY:
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