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Media Release

To: All media outlets
From: Jennifer L. McFarland
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Re: Drug Arrest Near Moscow

On 6/18/2006 at about 22:55, deputies contacted a parked vehicle on Cameron Road, about ½ mile east of Highway 95, south of Moscow City Limits. During the course of the investigation Edward B. Rice, a 22 year-old Genesee man, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, I.C. 37-2732, a felony punishable by up to 5 years and/or \$15,000.

According to the probable cause affidavit, deputies saw two vehicles parked at an area commonly known as "top of the world." One of the vehicles was unoccupied at the time of contact, but the occupants quickly returned to their vehicle and talked to deputies who explained they were trespassing. The couple left without incident. The other vehicle, however, was occupied by a male driver later identified as Edward B. Rice, and a 21 year-old female occupant. When deputies approached Rice's vehicle, Rice was leaned back in the driver's seat with his eyes closed. The female appeared awake and appeared to comment to Rice before reclining and closing her eyes as well. Neither was responsive to the deputies' attempts to rouse them. While looking into the car and trying to rouse the couple, deputies spotted a baggie that appeared to contain marijuana. K9 Sunny conducted a sniff search of the vehicle and exhibited a behavior change near the driver's side door. Deputies continued to try and rouse the couple in the vehicle, at one point calling for an ambulance to respond in case the lack of response was due to a medical condition or emergency. Deputies also attempted to break a window in the vehicle since the couple was unresponsive. Suddenly, both occupants sat up and unlocked the doors to the vehicle, exited the vehicle and were separated for questioning after they were read their rights under Miranda.

During the physical search of the vehicle, deputies found a backpack containing three individual baggies of marijuana (totaling about 1.5 ounces), 18 empty baggies, and a digital scale. Deputies also located about 2 grams of hashish, prescription scheduled drugs, and smoking paraphernalia as well as the \$1600 cash. The marijuana and hashish both tested positive during presumptive tests but they will be retested and weighed at the State lab. Marijuana and hashish are both Schedule I tetrahydrocannabinoids. A bond has been set at \$1,000 for Rice. The female vehicle occupant was not charged with anything. This case remains under investigation.