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PRESS RELEASE

On 11/01/2015 at approximately 0700 hours, California Highway Patrol Dispatch reported a single vehicle accident north of the City of Loyalton. Upon arrival the vehicle was unoccupied. Officers later identified the likely driver and made an attempt to locate the driver. Friends reported that the driver of the vehicle was suicidal.

A search of likely places the driver would be headed to was undertaken in Plumas and Sierra Counties. Deputies with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, Sierra County Sheriff's Office, Game Wardens from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Highway Patrol Officers searched these locations for more than 8 hours. Other locations were searched by friends of the driver. The driver was not located.

At approximately 1700 hours, Sierra County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call from a couple who had located an apparent deceased white male adult near Upper Sardine Lake, Lakes Basin, Sierra County. This location is rugged and difficult to get into by 4x4 vehicles and at the time was complicated by darkness with snowy weather. With the assistance of Sierra City Volunteer Fire Department and their off road vehicle, Sheriff's Personnel were taken into the scene and located the body.

The body was later identified as the same as the driver of the vehicle of the car accident mentioned above. Initial cause of death is under investigation. The initial investigation indicates the victim died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The identity of the victim in this case is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.