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STRANDED COUPLE RESCUED

Sheriff's Case# 19-00298

PRESS RELEASE

On February 28, 2019, the Sierra County Sheriff's Office received information from Sierra County Public Works Transportation Planner / Sierra City Fire Chief, Bryan Davey that two local citizens and their dog were in need of assistance. Chief Davey became concerned earlier in the day when he got word that the local couple who live on a remote Downieville property had not been seen in town for weeks, nor had they picked up their mail.

Chief Davey snowshoed to the property (over 4 miles roundtrip) to check on the wellbeing of the couple. Upon reaching the cabin, Chief Davey located the stranded couple and their dog critically low on food and firewood. Their vehicles had become stuck in deep snow and they were unable to plow the road to get out. The couple had enough food and supplies to make it through the night. Chief Davey assured the couple he would send help the following morning.

Based the condition of the road leading to the cabin (2-6 feet of snow), the sheriff's office contacted the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue and asked for assistance, specifically the use of their snowcat. The following morning members of the Nevada County Search and Rescue and the Sierra County Sheriff's Office utilized the snowcat and made it to the cabin. After digging out the cabin entryway, the couple and their dog were transported back to Downieville. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Chief Bryan Davey for taking it upon himself to check on the well-being of our locals, and the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue for assisting and the use of their snowcat.

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