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Media Release

DPS - Investigation Division Assists Lovelock Police in Death Investigation

On Monday, October 10, 2011, the Lovelock Police Department requested the assistance of the Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division to conduct an investigation into the suspicious death of Emigdio V. Herrera, 55, a long-time resident of Lovelock, Nevada. The Investigation Division was assisted in the investigation by the Lovelock Police Department, the Forensic Investigative Services unit from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Herrera was last confirmed alive at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2011. He was found by his wife outside their residence, located at 890 Cornell Avenue at approximately 07:45 a.m., on Monday, October 10, 2011. When law enforcement officers arrived on the scene, they observed that Mr. Herrera had head injuries which caused concern that he may have been the victim foul play.

During the course of the investigation, extensive interviews of Mr. Herrera's family and associates have been conducted and other investigative follow-up has been completed. Additional investigative lead follow-up and evidence analysis are still pending.

On October 12, 2011, an autopsy of Mr. Herrera was performed by the Washoe County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office. The examination provided valuable information to the investigation. Although the circumstances surrounding Mr. Herrera's death are still under investigation, preliminary results indicate that Mr. Herrera was not likely the victim of a homicide. The final results of the autopsy are pending toxicology and it is anticipated that the Washoe County Medical Examiner-Coroner's autopsy report will take several weeks to be completed. Once the autopsy report is received, the Pershing County Sheriff's Office, who acts as the official Coroner for deaths that occur in the county, will be responsible for the final determination on the manner of Mr. Herrera's death. The Investigation Division requests anyone with information relative to the case contact the Major Crimes Unit at 775-684-7427 or the Lovelock Police Department at 775-273-2256.

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