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NEWS RELEASE

FUGITIVE, JOHN CHALAYE, ARRESTED

Fugitive, John Louis Chalaye, 48, of Las Vegas was arrested yesterday evening after a standoff in Death Valley. According to Inyo County Deputy, Doug Richards, "we received word from Las Vegas Metro that a potentially armed and dangerous man was headed our way. With safety as our highest concern, for both our officers and the citizens that may be recreating in the Death Valley area, Inyo County Sheriff's Department together with CHP and National Park Services worked jointly to locate and arrest the subject as swiftly as possible. "

The standoff began after the suspect's vehicle had been located near the Artist's Drive area of Death Valley. After several hours of negotiations, Chalaye was taken into custody without incident.

"This was a remarkable effort from all law enforcement agencies, and the end result – the arrest of an extremely dangerous person without incident - exemplifies the unified mission," stated Undersheriff Jim Jones. In addition to the law enforcement personnel from the Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and National Park Service, Jones also credits the California Highway Patrol for their deployment of an H-80 helicopter.

Chalaye is currently being held at the Inyo County Jail on a fugitive arrest, however a warrant is anticipated by the day's end. "We are actively seeking an arrest warrant for multiple felonies committed in Clark County," stated Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Detective Monica Metzger.

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