



To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Officer Teresa McKenzie and K9 Josh for the Meritorious Narcotic Find of the Year. Because of their involvement in this case, a small container was located in the engine compartment of a vehicle that contained 31 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 10 ecstasy pills and two syringes with a clear substance (suspect methamphetamine). This vehicle alert led to a search warrant on the suspect's residence that resulted in locating an additional 61.3 grams of methamphetamine, 48 more ecstasy pills, 70 tabs of acid, and 972 grams of bath salts. As a result, two individuals were arrested on several charges including: possession with intent deliver, felony bail jumping, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a switchblade.

On 01/01/15, at 11:55 PM, Officer McKenzie was dispatched to a mutual aid request for Maple Bluff PD. The Maple Bluff officer stopped a vehicle for not having a rear plate. The driver had and passenger had drug histories. Upon her arrival, Officer McKenzie was asked to do a sniff of the vehicle's exterior.

Officer McKenzie deployed K9 Josh to sniff the car. As Josh worked his way around the front passenger door of the car, he sniffed the "b" pillar seam with increased intensity, then moved to the "a" pillar and began vigorously sniffing. Josh then put his nose inside the front passenger side wheel well, sticking his head between the wheel, which was turned to the left, and the wheel well. He sat, which is his final trained response when in the odor of illegal drugs. Officer McKenzie advised the officers on scene to search the engine compartment thoroughly. Officer McKenzie returned Josh to her squad and came back up to the suspect vehicle to assist with the search.

Upon returning, the Maple Bluff officer was already searching the engine compartment and noted the car battery was loose. Officer McKenzie illuminated the area with the flashlight and observed a black box between the car battery and frame. As she looked closer at the box, she could see there was a small red lock on the front. Once removed and opened, officers located the drugs and paraphernalia listed above. The search warrant was executed the following morning and yielded the additional drugs outlined previously.

Without Officer McKenzie and Josh's efforts, this drug dealer's stash would not have been located and he would not have been arrested. This vehicle sniff set in motion a chain of events that led to a drug dealer being arrested and a large amount of drugs being interdicted before being sold on the street. For this reason, I nominate Officer McKenzie and K9 Josh for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

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