



GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

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I am writing this letter to nominate PO Aron Bechler and his partner, K-9 Brix, for the 2023 WLECHA meritorious article find.

On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at approximately 3:42AM, the Milwaukee Police Department requested the assistance of the Glendale K-9 Unit to conduct a track for a homicide suspect. PO Bechler and K-9 Brix responded and met with MPD near the address of 3212 W. Vine St. in the City of Milwaukee. MPD advised that the suspect had fled on foot about 30 minutes prior and he was last seen running between 3212 W Vine St. and 1901 N. 32nd St. and had a pistol in his right hand.

K-9 Brix was “casted” in the area and began to track north from the starting point into the back yard of 1915 N 32nd St. K-9 Brix turned west towards the alley between 32nd St and 33rd St. At this point, a lone Nike shoe was located on the parking slab for 1915 N. 32nd St. Brix tracked to the rear of 1947 N 32nd St. and the initial track was stopped as the perimeter was just north.

PO Bechler attempted a second track starting from where the shoe was located, 1915 N 32nd St., but that track was not successful as he lost odor.

PO Bechler again brought Brix back to 1921 N 32nd St. and Brix began to pull towards the back yard of 1915 N 32nd St. Based on Brix’s behavior, a search was conducted in the back yard. A black jacket and a small shoulder bag were located. Inside the bag was the suspect’s identification card and social security card, as well as 9mm ammunition. MPD body camera footage confirmed the suspect was wearing the black jacket during the foot pursuit.

Based on the article(s) located by K-9 Brix, the suspect was identified and arrested later that same day and that is why I am nominating PO Bechler and K-9 Brix for the WLECHA meritorious article find.

Respectfully Submitted,

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