

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and submit with your nomination letter to:

WLECHA
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Handler Name: Officer Justin Daniels
K-9 Name: Zoey
Agency: City of Plymouth

Category (Please circle one per form)

Handler of the Year - Rookie Handler of the Year - Meritorious Apprehension - Meritorious Article Find
Meritorious Track with Apprehension - Meritorious Track - Meritorious Narcotics Find

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Membership must be current to be eligible for an award

All nominations must be postmarked or submitted by e-mail by August 15th to be accepted

Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards.

Please submit separate nominations for each category.

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To WLECHA Awards Committee:

I would like to nominate Officer Justin Daniels and his canine partner Zoey for the Meritorious Narcotic Find of the Year. Through their involvement, 48.2grams of MDMA, 15grams of Cocaine, 10grams THC, and 23grams of Methamphetamine were located and seized. Additionally, \$5453.00 in cash and a 2001 Infiniti sedan were seized. Seven suspects were subsequently charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, ecstasy, and cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of THC.


On 06/26/18 at approximately 6:00pm, officers of the City of Sheboygan Police Department requested the assistance of Officer Daniels and his canine partner Zoey at the scene of a traffic stop. Officer Daniels responded to the location and subsequently deployed Canine Zoey for a sniff of the vehicle which had been the subject of the traffic stop. At the time of the deployment it was 61 degrees Fahrenheit and cloudy with a light breeze. It should also be noted the location of the stop was North 14th Street within the City of Sheboygan and was experiencing very heavy traffic volume. Canine Zoey indicated on the vehicle, specifically in the area of the driver side door. A search of the vehicle based on her indication resulted in the finding of .2 grams of methamphetamine, and a digital scale with meth residue on it, in the driver side door pocket. The female driver of the vehicle was also found to have methamphetamine secreted on her body while at the Sheboygan County Jail.

City of Sheboygan Police officers, using information gained as a result of the traffic stop, were able to later obtain a search warrant for a residence within their city. Officer Daniels and Canine Zoey were again asked to assist the Sheboygan Police Department in their execution of the warrant at the residence. Upon arrival at the residence it was found to have a very prevalent odor of marijuana throughout the residence increasing the difficulty of Canine Zoey's search of the residence as the strong odor permeated the entire dwelling. Additionally, the interior was also found to be filthy with dirty clothes and garbage lying about the floors. Canine Zoey, despite these obstacles, was able to indicate on a small space behind a dresser in the master bedroom, where 48.2g of MDMA was located on the floor.

Canine Zoey continued her sniff and again indicated on a different dresser drawer in the master bedroom and went as far as indicating to the specific drawer when the "show me" command was given. It was found that the drawer in question had previously contained a case which was located on one of the parties detained during the execution of the search warrant. That case was found to contain 23 grams of methamphetamine, 15 grams of cocaine, and 10 grams of THC. During the remainder of the search, \$5453.00 in cash was also seized as was a 2001 Infiniti sedan.

If it were not for the efforts of both Canine Zoey and Officer Daniels these drug traffickers would not have been identified as such and they and their drugs would not have been taken off the street. It is for these reasons, I ask you nominate Officer Daniels and Canine Zoey for the Meritorious Narcotic Find.

Thank you for your consideration.


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