



To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Pleasant Prairie Police Sergeant Michael Algiers and his Canine partner Chase for the Meritorious Article Find of the Year. Without their involvement in this case, it is highly likely that a firearm would not have been recovered. At the time of this nomination there was not a full NBIN return on the firearm.

On April 24th, 2026, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department (PPPD) had been involved in two separate pursuits with a suspect vehicle. This vehicle had also fled from the Kenosha Police Department (KPD). After the third pursuit was terminated KPD found the suspect vehicle abandoned in their jurisdiction. Sergeant Algiers and Canine Chase were requested for a track of the suspect. While getting prepared to track a citizen close by stated they observed a male running through their backyard with a pistol. Shortly after the suspect was taken into custody by KPD but he did not have the pistol.

Sergeant Algiers and Canine Chase still performed a track of the suspect to attempt to locate the pistol. Canine Chase was deployed on a 15-foot lead and led Officers along the suspects tracks to include a fence the suspect damaged while running from Police. Canine Chase led Officers directly to where the suspect was taken into custody.

After completing the track Sergeant Algiers commanded Canine Chase to perform an article search along the area where the suspect ran. While conducting the search for the pistol, Canine Chase led Officers to a van parked in a driveway. Canine Chase showed multiple changes of behavior by bracketing along the driver's side of the van. Ultimately Canine Chase provided a positive indication by laying down next to the van. While laying next to the van Canine Chase also began to crawl under the van and point his nose upwards. Sergeant Algiers called Canine Chase back to him and then searched under the van himself. Sergeant Algiers observed the suspect's pistol resting on the metal frame on the undercarriage of the van. The pistol was recovered and released to KPD.

Without the effort, teamwork and search conducted by Sergeant Algiers and Canine Chase this key piece of evidence would likely not have been recovered or been able to be tied to the suspect. For these reasons, I ask that you nominate Sergeant Algiers and Canine Chase for the Meritorious Article Find of the Year.

Respectfully submitted

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