



GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT
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WLECHA – Meritorious K9 Article Find (Nomination)

I would like to nominate PO Guse and his K9 partner (K-9 Boomer) for the Meritorious K9 Article Find based on the following incident that occurred in the City of Glendale.

On February 10, 2017 at 11:33am, Glendale Squads were dispatched to Bayshore Mall for a reported carjacking that had just occurred. The investigating officer spoke with the vehicle owner and per the officer, the female victim was visibly shaken as a result of this incident. The female victim stated that after she parked her 2016 Chevy Suburban, she was approached by a male subject who was displaying a hand gun. The male suspect, upon demanding the keys to the vehicle, proceeded to rack the slide of the semi-automatic hand gun he was carrying while pointing it at the female victim. The female victim handed over the keys to her vehicle and frantically began removing her four young children ranging in ages from 9 to 5 months from the vehicle. Upon removing the last of her children from the vehicle, the suspect began to drive away and in the process, he struck the female victim with the vehicle causing her to fall over her 2 year old child. Both the female victim and child sustained minor injuries. On-Star was contacted and they located the vehicle in the 2800 block of N. Richards St in the City of Milwaukee.

Officers located the carjacked vehicle and observed the male suspect exit the vehicle and upon seeing police, he re-entered the stolen vehicle and fled away at a high rate of speed. Officers began a pursuit of the suspect/vehicle and lost sight of the vehicle due to excessive speeds and high traffic volume. A short time later, the vehicle was found abandoned. PO Guse and his partner K-9 Boomer responded from their residence and PO Guse removed K-9 Boomer from his squad and took him to the driver's seat area of the stolen vehicle and allowed K-9 Boomer to acquire the scent from the driver's seat. K-9 Boomer proceeded to head in a n/e direction from the vehicle and along a sidewalk. They were then approached by a citizen who stated that the suspect was last seen running north from Burleigh and Holton which was not far from where they presently tracking. PO Guse brought K-9 Boomer to the last known location where the suspect was seen running and they proceeded along the west side of the sidewalk and as K-9 Boomer was tracking forward, he abruptly stopped his forward movement, his head snapped to the west and K-9 Boomer began aggressively pulling in that direction. K-9 Boomer proceeded up a wooden staircase and at the top of the wooden staircase was a black hoodie. The back-up/safety officer advised PO Guse that the suspect was wearing a black hoodie when he committed the carjacking. PO Guse attempted to continue the track looking for the suspect but a large unleashed pit bull emerged from a back yard. For the safety of PO Guse, K-9 Boomer and the back-up officer, the track was terminated.

The black hoodie was recovered as evidence and sent to the State Crime lab for analysis.

On June 8, 2017, the Crime Lab had a DNA “hit” on the recovered hoodie. The suspect whose DNA was on the hoodie was a Convicted Felon with dozens of prior arrests that include OMVWOC, Burglary, Resisting and POCS. The suspect had an open VOP warrant for OMVWOC.

The victim of the carjacking was shown a photo array and when she saw the suspect’s photo, her breathing changed dramatically and positively identified the suspect as the person who carjacked her and her four young kids.

On June 19, 2017, the suspect was arrested and denied his involvement in this incident. The suspect was charged with Armed Robbery, 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Fleeing, and OMVWOC.

I believe that without K-9 Boomer finding this article, a key piece of evidence in the identification of the suspect, that this incident may not have resulted in an arrest. As a result, I would like to nominate PO Guse and his partner K-9 Boomer for the Meritorious K9 Article Find.

Respectfully Submitted,

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