



# Monona Police Department

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## ROOKIE HANDLER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Officer Andrew Hoffman and his K9 partner, Jakko for Rookie Handler of the Year. Officer Hoffman was partnered with K9 Jakko and began their training together at Jessifiny K9 Services, in Iron Ridge WI, January 2022. After 5 weeks of training, and certifying through American Police Canine Association, Officer Hoffman and K9 Jakko became an active K9 unit with the City of Monona Police Department on Feb 7th, 2022.

In the first 6 months on patrol Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko have been deployed 55 times, 20 detection and 35 patrol functions. Of the patrol functions, the team has 17 non-bite apprehensions and 1 bite apprehension.

The following are some of the highlights of Ofc Hoffman & K9 Jakko’s first year on the road.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko assisted the City of Madison with the apprehension of a homicide suspect. The suspect had shot and killed another male that was being released from the Dane Co Jail, in downtown Madison. A vehicle pursuit had been initiated by Madison Police Department and ended near the Alliant Energy Center with the suspect fleeing on foot. Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko were called to assist with searching for the suspect. They began with tracking to several outbuildings on the property. They cleared the 1<sup>st</sup> outbuilding and moved onto the 2<sup>nd</sup>. As they were clearing the 2<sup>nd</sup> outbuilding, about 2/3 of the way through K9 Jakko displayed several behavior changes near a large stack of wooden pallets. Ofc Hoffman and Jakko went back to the center of the building to get around the stack of pallets. K9 Jakko immediately returned to the right side. At this point, the suspect showed himself and surrendered without further incident.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko were requested in the City of Madison for a drug sniff on a vehicle. K9 Jakko showed a final response on the “b” pillar of the vehicle indicating the presence of a controlled substance. A search of the vehicle officers located an illegally possessed firearm, \$8,675 in cash, 12.7 grams of cocaine, 12.2 grams of fentanyl, 10.8 grams of methamphetamine and 26.2grams of marijuana.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko were on patrol when a Department Natural Resource Warden advised he witnessed 2 vehicles shooting at each other on Hwy 51 near Hwy 12. Ofc Hoffman was in the area and located one of the vehicles involved. Ofc Hoffman engaged in a vehicle pursuit. During the pursuit the suspect vehicle struck a tire deflation device causing the vehicle to become disabled on Gammon Rd. Once the vehicle stopped the suspects ran from the vehicle on foot. Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko ran on foot after the suspects giving K9 announcements. The suspects didn’t stop

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and K9 Jakko was given the apprehension command. K9 Jakko successfully apprehended the suspect who was taken into custody. K9 Jakko was then transitioned to another individual who was running. As the team approached this suspect he surrounded. In total five suspects from this incident were taken into custody. A search of the suspects and vehicle resulted in four handguns being recovered.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko were involved in a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle was able to elude officers but located abandoned a short time later. Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko performed a track from the driver’s side door. After approximately 100 yards into the track, K9 Jakko located two backpacks. Inside the backpacks was over \$20,000 in cash, a stolen handgun, 3.9lbs of marijuana, 118 oxycodone pills, 6.1 grams methamphetamine, .7 grams crack cocaine. A second handgun was recovered from the vehicle. Through the investigation suspects involved have been identified and charges requested through the Dane Co District Attorney Office.

Excluding being part of these significant cases Ofc Hoffman has been an instrumental part of the K9 unit. Ofc Hoffman is the second handler for the Monona Police Department but the first dual purpose handler. Ofc Hoffman successfully put together a proposal and presented the need for the dual-purpose K9 Unit vs single purpose. Ofc Hoffman has volunteered and taken part of several community engagement activities. Ofc Hoffman has taken lead for the fundraising of the unit.

During their first 6 months of service as a K9 team, Ofc Hoffman and K9 Jakko have exceeded my expectations. Their contributions to the Monona Police Department and the surrounding communities have established them as a very successful and reliable team that has brought a positive impact to the communities. Due to these contributions, I recommending them for Rookie Handler of the Year.

Sergeant Adam Nachreiner  
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