



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

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Handler Name: DET. HOLLY McMANUS
K-9 Name: BANE
Agency: ST. FRANCIS P.D.

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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Please submit separate nominations for each category.



City of St. Francis

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Attention Awards Committee:

I am submitting this nomination on behalf of Detective Holly McManus and K9 Bane in regards to a meritorious narcotics find.

On July 8th, 2020, at about 1147 hours, a St. Francis PD (SFPD) officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was speeding through our industrial park. The vehicle's operator complied with the lights/siren and the vehicle was curbed in the 2400 block E. Bolivar Ave., in St. Francis. Shortly after calling out the stop, the officer announced over the radio that the front passenger ran from the vehicle with a backpack. All available officers responded to the area, including St. Francis Detective Holly McManus with K9 Bane.

While en route to the scene, Detective McManus located the fleeing passenger walking about 0.3 miles from the stop. He no longer had the backpack. The passenger was uncooperative and the first word out of his mouth was, "Attorney." He refused to even acknowledge the existence of a backpack. He was arrested and turned over to other officers.

Detective McManus responded to the location of the traffic stop. She and K9 Bane assisted officers in detaining two other occupants of the vehicle (total 4 occupants now detained). After the vehicle was clear, officers could see marijuana inside baggies in plain view. K9 Bane did an interior vehicle sniff alerting to a few other locations inside the vehicle. Once the marijuana was removed, Detective McManus set K9 Bane up for an evidence track to look for the backpack.

Track weather info: 85 degrees, hot & sunny, 70% humidity, and no detectable wind

Detective McManus placed K9 Bane's harness on the front passenger seat to indicate the scent to track for. K9 Bane eliminated all other scents, including officers' and the other occupants'. K9 Bane began tracking east on the sidewalk in the direction the passenger was observed running. During this first part of the track, a little girl ran from a side yard at Bane, and K9 Bane had to be stopped so her parent could get her. They continued east on the sidewalk and then K9 Bane turned south onto S. Delaware Ave. He went right (now westbound) into the alley that was parallel to the traffic stop. They first walked along the south side of the alley. An unleashed dog was in a nearby yard and charged at Bane. Detective McManus stopped Bane and was able to hold on to the dog and Bane while the owner came to retrieve him. K9 Bane continued down the alley one more yard; he then went to the north side of the alley and they tracked back east toward S. Delaware Ave. K9 Bane ran along the garages where the brand new garbage bins had just been placed for the residents. Based on K9 Bane slowing down and walking in front of the bins on this side of the alley, Detective McManus began to lift the lids. He stopped in front of 2519 E Bolivar Ave. Detective McManus located the suspect's backpack in one of the two bins in the alley of 2519 E. Bolivar.



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(Based on the route of this alley, if the suspect would've continued west down the alley, he probably realized he would've wrapped right back to the traffic stop, so he had to turn around to find a different route.)

Total track: 7 minutes at 0.2 miles from stop. **Terrain:** All concrete.

Recovered from stop: approx. ½ pound marijuana, distribution paraphernalia and \$1350 cash
K9 Bane also conducted a money sniff on the recovered money the following day. He alerted to the odor of drugs on the cash that was hidden in a location unknown to Detective McManus.

The passenger was charged with possession with intent, the driver was issued numerous citations and one of the backseat passengers was arrested for violating probation. The passenger who fled was involved in a drug-related shooting a few months prior in the City of Milwaukee. Without locating the backpack, SFPD would have only issued local citations.

Respectfully Submitted:

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