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To: WLECHA Awards Committee

Please accept this letter as a nomination for Officer Jeremy Anderson and his canine partner Karma for the Meritorious Track Award. As you will read below, their skill level displayed on a cold winter night is truly one to be recognized.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Officer Anderson and K9 Karma were on patrol in a residential neighborhood when Officer Anderson observed a vehicle recklessly driving at a high rate of speed on the slippery snow-covered roads. A nearby fellow officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop and the driver of the vehicle began to elude the officers. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle stopped out of view and the driver and occupants fled on foot. Officer Anderson deployed K9 Karma on a 30-foot lead and began to track the driver. Karma led officers through the snow and onto a frozen lake where an article of clothing discarded by a suspect was located. Karma continued the track and lead officers off the lake, behind residences, down a driveway and onto plowed streets where the shoe prints faded. In my 20 years of law enforcement experience, this is typically the time when the K9 handler radios to all units that the suspect "likely got into a vehicle, 10-8". Not so with Officer Anderson and K9 Karma. They continued to work the scent with Karma's nose to the ground as she led the way approximately 1.14 miles directly to the front door step of a duplex. Shoe prints officers now observed leading up the driveway confirmed Karma's track that it was the fleeing driver.

Contact was made with the semi-cooperative inhabitants who had known drug histories. All subjects denied that the suspect was inside. Officers were allowed access to the residence and due to the history and known weapons on scene, Officer Anderson deployed Karma on a lead to assist with the search. After multiple announcements the search was conducted and Karma led Officers downstairs to a pile of blankets that was amongst the clutter. It was here that Karma finished her amazing track and the suspect was located who had active felony arrest warrants. Further investigation was conducted which confirmed that this subject was the driver and he was subsequently charged with Felony Fleeing, Resisting an Officer and multiple counts of Bail Jumping. This subject was a suspect in several area storage unit burglaries.

If not for the diligence of Officer Anderson and the determination of K9 Karma, officers would not have been able to make this arrest. Their performance that night is worthy of recognition. Thank you for taking the time to review this nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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