



# Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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## 2019 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

WLECHA  
c/o Award Nominations  
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Handler Name: DEPUTY ED. DREWITZ  
K-9 Name: FRIDAY  
Agency: RACINE COUNTY SHERIFFS' OFFICE

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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**\*\*\*Membership must be current to be eligible for an award\*\*\***

**\*\*\*All nominations must be postmarked or submitted by e-mail by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be accepted\*\*\***

Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards.

Please submit separate nominations for each category.



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To : WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Racine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ed Drewitz and his canine partner Friday for the Meritorious Narcotic Find of the Year. With the involvement of Deputy Drewitz and K-9 Friday on a traffic stop and a K-9 alert on the vehicle for the odor of illegal narcotics they were able to locate and seize 2.5 Lbs. of Methamphetamines

On Thursday September 6, 2018 at approximately 1:30 pm, Deputy Drewitz and his K-9 were dispatched to a traffic stop on I-94 near STH-20. Upon arrival Deputy Drewitz was advised that there was suspicion of illegal narcotics in the vehicle. The operators story did not coincide with what he told Deputies about dropping his mother at O'Hare airport to fly to Puerto Rico as he had a large box with a shipping label on it where she would have been seated. Deputy Drewitz then walked his K-9 around the vehicle while citations were being issued to the operator for numerous equipment and license violations. Deputy Drewitz advised of the alert for the odor of illegal narcotics from the walk around.

While searching the large cardboard box in the back seat with the shipping label from Los Angeles to Joliet IL Deputies observed several Beanie Babies as well as a gift wrapped package. Inside the package was towels wrapped around 2 additional packages that were wrapped in several layers of cellophane wrap. These 2 packages contained Crystal Methamphetamine. One package was 508.6 grams and the second was 515.5 grams. Total weight of 1024.4 grams. The occupants were arrested for Possession with Intent of Methamphetamines.

With out the use of Deputy Drewitz and K-9 Friday and the intuitive work by the other Deputies these narcotics would have found their destination and been distributed. Through their work countless lives have probably been saved.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergeant Troy A. Ruffalo".

Sergeant Troy A. Ruffalo

Racine County Sheriff's Office

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