



# Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Officer Jones and his canine partner Fido for the Meritorious Narcotic Find of the Year. Through their involvement a container carrying \$4,000 in cash along with .25 lbs of marijuana were located and seized. The suspect was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

On Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, Officer Jones was dispatched to the scene of a traffic stop on Main Street in a neighboring jurisdiction. Upon arrival Officer Jones was advised the initiating officer had suspicion that the vehicle contained illegal narcotics. The driver and passenger gave conflicting information of who they know each other, where they were going, and coming from. There was a light a light snow falling at the time of the traffic stop and it was approximately 30 degrees.

Officer Jones deployed Canine Fido to sniff the exterior of the vehicle. As they circled the car, a small compact car, Canine Fido gave an alert to narcotic odor around the rear driver side tire. The occupants who were watching from the curb started acting more nervous and continued to deny that any contraband was inside. Canine Fido then checked the interior of the vehicle giving a second alert this time in the driver side rear seat. Officer Jones noted both alerts were in the same part of the vehicle.

The vehicle was then searched by hand but the officers did not locate anything. Officer Jones saw that anytime the officers were looking around the wheel well, the driver would seem more anxious. He decided to look again this time checking the wheel well from underneath. Officer Jones located a metal box strapped to the inside of the brakes which was not visible from the side of the car. It clearly did not belong and upon removing and inspecting it, Officer Jones located a ¼ pound of marijuana along with \$4,000 in cash in this box.

If it were not for the efforts of both Canine Fido and Officer Jones willingness to keep searching, this drug dealer would have continued on his way. The money and drugs would not have been located. For these reasons, I ask that you nominate Officer Jones and Canine Fido for the Meritorious Narcotic Find.

Thank you for your consideration.

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