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K-9 Elos

Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety

Kalamazoo, MI

Catch of the Quarter

On November 23, 2008 I was requested to respond to 4124 Twin Terrace to assist Portage Police Department with a suicidal subject. Upon arrival I was told by Portage Police that the subject had fled out of his girlfriend's vehicle with a box cutter in hand. He had told her he was going to kill himself.

I was directed to an area along Monroe St. near a bridge. I was told that the subject jumped from the vehicle somewhere in this area. I was going to have to cast my canine along the side of the street in hopes that the track would be located.

I exited with K9 Elos and prepared him for the track. K9 Elos worked about 40 yards to the south on the west side of the street. Just prior to the bridge K9 Elos locked onto track and began tracking to the west. K9 Elos tracked through the trailer park crossing over two streets. We continued to track for about 150 yards and came to a circular turn around street near a wooded area. At this location K9 Elos turned without casting and headed north along the woods. He then tracked in behind several trailers along this street until he turned back to the east and tracked out to the sidewalk. K9 Elos continued the track turning back north and tracked along the sidewalk for a few more trailers. As we approached the last trailer on the street my back-up officer advised that the subject had

just entered this trailer. We approached the front deck where I stood by while my back-up officer made contact and the subject came outside. Once outside the subject was detained and appropriate medical attention was given to him. He was also taken to a local hospital for further psychiatric treatment.

This track was approximately 20 minutes old prior to starting it. The track covered approximately 300 yards of multiple surfaces through a trailer park. At the time there was no snow on the ground. Also, this was the fourth track that K9 Elos had attempted since being placed into service on the street. For these reasons I have submitted this track for catch of the fourth quarter 2008.

Respectfully Submitted

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