



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date

November 27, 1973

To: Chief Stanley C. Rich, Fiscal Management

Subject: REQUEST FOR THREE BICYCLES.

Request three (3) bicycles from the Property Section to be assigned to the TMU (K-9) for the exercising of the German Shepard dogs during the process of their training at 9721 Brookville, Plymouth, Michigan.

The assignment of these bicycles would help the officer and dogs develop a high degree of proficiency.

Henry C. Majeski
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Division Commander
Communications

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Stanley C. Rich
2nd Deputy Commissioner

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- U 731 Schwinn B 26 Red Ser # LG 130723 E 166788
- U 769 All Pro G 27 Green Ser # HC 0601676 F 141817

The above three bike were picked up by

U 673 }
U 731 } Rel. to TMS.
U 769 } 1-15-74

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9-15-74

Signed *[Signature]*

WALDMEIR

Dog being trained to sniff school guns

In a unique, top-secret experiment, Detroit police are training a dog which will be used primarily in public schools to sniff out guns.

Nobody wants to talk about the dog, a 2-year-old golden retriever which currently is undergoing intensive exercises at the Chuck Art Police K-9 School in Salem, Mich.

"It's all very hush-hush," a police source explained. "Chief (Jerry) Tannian has put the lid on the gun-dog project because it's such a touchy subject."

Art, who has trained dogs to detect heroin, marijuana, cocaine and other illegal narcotics as well as to sniff out bombs, refuses to discuss the gun-dog project. It is known, however, that Art is working daily to prepare the dog and that a Detroit police officer attached to the K-9 unit of the Tactical Mobile Section already has been assigned as its handler.



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Normally, Art works only with German shepherds because that breed seems best fitted to tracking and police work in general. But the golden retriever was selected for the gun-dog project because the breed tends to be smaller and to appear less ferocious.

"You give up a little in tracking ability with the retriever," one veteran handler explained, "but if the dog is to be used in schools, they don't want to scare the hell out of the kids and the teachers."

"It's bad enough that there are uniformed police officers in the hallways now. Give them a German shepherd and the parents and teachers would all go bananas."

Last week a fresh batch of handguns was sent from the TMS property section to Art's school so that the gun-dog would have material to work with. He is being trained to seek out weapons by the scent of black powder and other residues which collect in the barrel when a gun is fired.

A unique experiment

According to police and agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Division of the U.S. Justice Department, the gun-dog experiment is unique in the United States.

"If they're training him to detect powder," one veteran ATF agent said, "it would have to be a gun which has been fired. Most Saturday Night Specials (cheap handguns) are never used until they shoot somebody."

If anyone can train a gun dog, it's likely to be Chuck Art, whose school provides animals to police agencies all over the world at a cost of about \$1,000 for each dog. In a test, his prize German shepherd, Bomber, once found several "keys" of marijuana which had been wrapped in tin foil, covered with freezer paper, dipped in paraffin, wrapped in a plastic bag and placed in a metal box filled with mothballs.

The secret gun-dog program was ordered by Chief Tannian as the result of a mid-December meeting between Mayor Coleman Young and top Detroit city and school officials. Following that session, Mayor Young characterized the presence and use of guns in city schools as an "emergency situation" and called for solving the problem on a "crash basis."

3 killings last year

Guns in the schools — both junior high and senior high schools, in particular — has been a nagging and far-too-often deadly problem in Detroit. It reached a peak last year when three high school students were shot and killed by youths on school property.

Last April Phillip Jordan, 17, was slain during an argument at a bus stop in front of Cooley High. During a three-day span in early December, Virgil Butler, 16, was killed at Mackenzie High and Patrick A. Harris, 17, was shot and killed at Southwestern High.

Spokesmen for the Board of Education say they know nothing about the gun-dog plans.

"The Detroit police haven't said anything to me about it," explained Robert Potts, a former Detroit police inspector who is chief of security for the school system. "Would we welcome the dog? I think that would be up to the individual principals."

John Ruddon, principal of Southwestern High and president of the high school principals association, has reservations about allowing the dog in his school. "Having police officers assigned here for the last few weeks has helped us tremendously," Ruddon said. "Our incidents of trouble have been cut significantly."

"I'm not too sure that bringing in a dog would be too wise here, however. It just might remind people of that time in Alabama when the police sicked their dogs on the school kids down there."

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A good, tough cop taken off his beat

Although he spent less than a year on the Detroit Police Department, Lucky was a good cop.

He was honest. If he didn't like you, he let you know about it. Right now.

And he worked hard. Lucky was attached to the Tactical Mobile Section (TMS) and he and his partner, Dave, were inseparable.

Night after night they traipsed through abandoned buildings and drafty warehouses, tirelessly climbing stairways in shadowy stores or crashing through the underbrush in parks and fields, up and down alleys, looking for — well anything and anybody they were sent to look for.



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You might say Lucky had a nose for crime. His first day on the job, in fact, Lucky showed up a whole bunch of veteran police officers.

A 2-year-old girl had been lost for nearly three hours on Eastlawn. Her parents were frantic. The police began a yard-by-yard search of the neighborhood. They even brought a tracking dog who went sniffing in the evergreens.

Dave suspected that maybe they were going about it wrong, however, so he and Lucky went into the little girl's home to check out her room. Lucky studied one of the child's shoes for a few moments, then walked straight to a closet in a back bedroom, where the girl was found asleep and unharmed on the floor.

—Take that, Sherlock Holmes.

Culprits sniffed out

Some weeks later Dave and Lucky were summoned to Belle Isle. Four people had been stopped driving a stolen car. When the officers tried to arrest them, they fled into a wooded area.

Within minutes Lucky and Dave rounded them up, however. They worked it the easy way. Dave and the other officers surrounded the patch of woods and Lucky went in after them.

They came out with their hands up. As you may have suspected by now, Lucky was no ordinary cop. He was — is — a 2-year-old German shepherd, more commonly called a police dog.

His handler is a police officer named Dave Darrow. On Jan. 17 at TMS roll call, the shift lieutenant announced that Lucky had been suspended from the force. The formal charges being "too aggressive."

Dave protested to no avail and Lucky subsequently was permanently retired from the department. In the wake of that act, Dave Darrow also was suspended and transferred. Two other officers who worked with the K-9 section — one of them a sergeant — also requested transfers to other duty.

Dave Darrow understandably doesn't care to discuss the reasons for his pal's suspension. But some of his friends are not so shy, at least in private.

The dog's suspension was recommended and approved by Lt. Richard Reese, Darrow's TMS commanding officer. Reese admits he did so on his own hook. No charges ever were filed against the dog. He never bit a civilian, a police officer or even a crook.

If Lucky had any drawbacks, it was that his responses were too quick and that he was too alert.

Let him play with little kids and he was beautiful. Put him in the back of a police car and he'd take your arm off if you came near it.

Branded a 'racist'

One day Lucky and Dave were standing in the parking lot near TMS headquarters when another officer walked past carrying a lighted cigar in his hand. The officer slipped on a patch of ice and fell toward Lucky, who grabbed the man's arm in his jaws.

The man was unharmed, but a routine report was made. On another occasion Lucky lunged at an auto mechanic in the police garage.

The coup de grace of his career, it seems, occurred one day when a group of black officers in plain clothes were gathered in a hallway outside the office of Inspector Reginald Turner.

As Darrow walked past with Lucky on a leash, the dog began to growl at the men. Reese witnessed the incident. Shortly afterward, Lucky's suspension came down.

"The lieutenant (Reese) told Darrow that he had a 'racist' dog," one TMS copper explained.

Reese denies that "racism" had any bearing on the dog's suspension. "He was just too aggressive, too pugnacious," Reese explained. "No, he never bit anyone. But he came close a couple of times."

"We don't want a dog that growls at people all the time. He's got to work in public places. We love dogs. But we have to make certain that they are suitably friendly."

As for Lucky, he's found a home with the Darrow family. As soon as he learns how to read a criminal his rights he's going to look for a job in Dearborn.

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Burglar tripped by a dog's nose

Convicts gang leader

Detroit Recorder's Court jury took less than two yesterday to convict the 23-year-old leader of a Detroit gang of first-degree murder and rape stemming from an incident at a northwest side home in May.

est Browning, 23, faces a mandatory life sentence murder conviction and a possible life sentence for rape. Browning, who is presently serving a 10-year term on a federal narcotics charge, will be sentenced.

y. Browning was convicted of fatally beating a boarder, Smith, 40, and of raping an 18-year-old family member after breaking into a northwest Detroit house.

members of a gang allegedly led by Browning have been convicted of crimes including murder, manslaughter and armed robbery and are serving time in prison. Browning, who fled Detroit in July, 1975, and was captured in Texas four months later, still faces first-degree murder charges in the 1974 slayings of Luther McCoy, Fred Riley and Harold Butler, all of Detroit.

A trail pursued by a Detroit police tracking dog led to the jury conviction yesterday of a suspect on breaking and entering charges in Detroit Recorder's Court.

The key evidence against the suspect, Edward A. McPherson, 22, formerly of 19376 Burt, Detroit, was the role played by "Chad," a German shepherd, in McPherson's arrest.

Policeman John Duncan of the K-9 section, Chad's handler, testified that the dog picked up the trail by sniffing muddy footprints in a northwest Detroit home which had been broken into on Nov. 29, 1975.

Chad immediately followed the scent from the home in the Stout-Vassar vicinity for several blocks to the Burt address, where the dog singled out one of three young men on the front porch by placing his snout on the suspect, Duncan said.

The tracking dog accompanied his trainer to the courtroom of Wayne Circuit Judge Irwin H. Burdick, sitting as a visiting judge in Recorder's Court, when Duncan took the witness stand earlier in the three-day trial.

After the jury's guilty verdict, Burdick set sentencing of McPherson, now of Walled Lake, for April 28.

K-9 Kops Always Collar Their Man

BY JOYCE WALKER-TYSON

You may be able to fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool Chad — or Recon, or Jet, or any of the 22 four-legged members of the Detroit police K-9 unit.

Their noses know — every time. The unit, part of the tactical services section, has been in operation since 1971 when the department had only two dogs. Now all 22 German shepherds on the team and their handler-partners are specialists and their services are in high demand from other units in the Police Department.

The dogs are "well trained and they know what they're doing," said Sgt. James Arthurs, head of the K-9 unit.

A dog identification of a suspect has never been overturned in court, Arthurs said. On the single occasion when a new trial was ordered for a defendant collared by a dog, it was because of a court technicality.

The dogs are considered expert witnesses by the courts. When a trained dog and his handler flush out a suspect, it's often better than eyewitness testimony from a human.

"A good defense attorney can sometimes shake up a witness on he stand," one former handler said. "When one of our dogs pick a guy out, that's it."

A HANDLER SPEAKS for his dog in court by testifying about the dog's reaction when a suspect was apprehended.

The dogs are actually taken into lineups to sniff out a suspect — and they've never been wrong.

"Each handler knows his own dog and what that dog will do to indicate he's found his man," said Officer John Duncan. "Some might jump up on the guy to be petted. Some might just sit down in front of the guy. No matter what signal they use, they stay with the guy and there's no doubt which one it is."

Duncan has been with the unit since 1973 and is the only officer now with two dogs, Chad, 6, and Ruff, 3 (badge numbers K-6 and K-25 respectively). Both animals specialize in tracking, as do most of the unit members. The only specialties are in narcotics and explosives; the unit has two dogs working each of those areas.

NO MATTER WHAT their specialties, the officers emphasize that their furry partners are not vicious. Even when a suspect is apprehended after a chase, the dog is trained to grab an arm — and only then if the suspect attempts to escape.

"We couldn't afford to have a dog that was mean," Arthurs said. "We use dogs to track missing children and we just couldn't take a chance on having a dog that might bite the child."

There has never been a complaint of a bite from a Detroit police dog. To be sure that the animals are comfortable around people other than their handlers, each dog is assigned to live in the family of his handler. They grow up with the officer's children and are treated like any other pet.

Handlers and their dogs train together for three months starting when the animal is just under a year old and the training process goes on throughout the dog's tour of duty.

When the dogs are on assignment (four on each shift) the handlers play games with them to keep in practice.

"It's a game to them because it's something the dogs like to do," said handler Pleze Gardner, whose dog Recon is one of the unit's explosive-detection experts.

EVERY OFFICER has rapport with his tail-wagging partner and each officer has his own special relationship with his dog.

Joe Hernandez, for instance, commands Jay-Jay in Spanish. "He's the only Mexican dog on the force," Hernandez said. "He's also the smallest, and the best."

Often, when the dogs are retired at the age of seven or eight years, they remain with the officer's family.

"You can't beat 'em," one officer said. "They don't even talk back."



Jay Jay keeps in shape by running the exercise course (above). And though Kaiser is a good canine cop, he sure looks more like a lovable puppy (left).



Handler Pleze Gardner (above) puts Recon, an explosive-detection expert, to the test during a practice session Thursday. John Duncan and Chad, a tracking expert, stand at ease while awaiting their next exercise (left).

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Yvonne DeCarlon in
"BLAZING STEWARDESSES" (R)
"NAUGHTY STEWARDESSES" (R)
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Police tracking dog catches rape suspect

By NORMAN SINCLAIR

News Staff Writer

A penny and a tiny piece of paper on a garage floor were all Detroit police needed to arrest a suspected rapist — less than three hours after the crime was reported to police.

The arrest of Larry Siebert, 18, at his Chandler Park area home by investigators using a tracking dog, dramatizes the usefulness of dogs in such cases.

Inspector Edward Hay, in charge of the Women's and Children's Service Section, said the use of dogs this year has been successful.

"In two out of three cases where something was left at the scene for the dogs to get a scent, they have been able to lead us to the suspect," Hay said.

ON THURSDAY, a 13-year old girl on her way home from school around 10 a.m. was grabbed at knife-point by a man on Canfield near Coplin and pulled into an alley.

The man attempted to rape the girl, then

robbed her of \$4 and a package of gum and fled on foot on Canfield. When she told her mother what had happened, her mother took her to the police mini-station on Frankfort near their home.

Hay said Eric, a 2-year old German shepherd — one of 11 tracking dogs in the department — was brought to the scene by his handler, Officer David Dryval.

The dog immediately picked up a scent and led police in a circle around three blocks, to the corner of Drexel and Canfield, where he lost the scent.

Meanwhile, in the garage where the incident took place, policewomen Delores Brunett and Phylis Colvert found a penny and a small piece of paper believed to have fallen from the suspect's pocket.

The dog was given the new scent from the paper and penny, and led police back to the Drexel and Canfield area where he had previously lost the scent.

This time, he took a sharp right turn, Hay said, and led police through a yard, and into and out of a garage — to the back door of a house.

When police identified themselves and tried to get in, Hay said, Siebert ran upstairs. He was arrested as he attempted to jump from an upper story window. Hay said the \$4 and other evidence from the child were found on him.

Hay said that when Siebert was arrested Thursday he was free on bonds of \$300 and \$100 — stemming from two other sexual assaults.

He was charged with assault with intent to rape, and with taking indecent liberties with a minor in Thursday's incident.

At his arraignment yesterday before Recorder's Judge Geraldine Ford, a not guilty plea was entered for him and he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail, when he failed to post bond of \$25,000.

HAY SAID THAT his section started using dogs after a tracker was used to find a woman

who had gotten lost at one of the weekend ethnic festivals.

A relative produced a sweater the woman had worn and Hay said that despite the crowd of thousands, the dog picked up the scent and led police from the waterfront to a bus station and into a restroom — where the woman was found asleep on a couch.

Earlier this summer, a 45-year-old woman was slashed 16 times on the head as she went to her car in the Fort-Washington Boulevard parking ramp after work.

Hay said that when the dog arrived, he led police to the woman's purse — where her assailant had dumped it. Then the dog led them to the man's discarded bloody shirt and finally to a washroom where the man had washed the blood away.

The dog then took police back to the level where the attack had taken place and zeroed in on a man who claimed he was a late-arriving

witness. That man was linked to the shirt and purse — and is waiting trial in the case.

HAY SAID DOGS CAN BE effective in rape cases up to three hours after the crime has been committed.

"If the rape took place in a grassy park area, we can use the dogs to find a scent even up to eight hours after the attack," he said. Hay said that in 79 percent of all rapes reported, the assailants flee on foot.

"In cases where the suspect runs to a parked car, the dog is still invaluable because we frequently find someone who noticed the car there or saw the man get in," he said.

So far this year, the dogs attached to the Tactical Mobile Section have been used in arresting more than 50 rape suspects, Dryval said.

Department statistics show that in the first seven months of this year, 685 rapes were reported to Detroit police. There were 112 reported in July.

PERSONNEL ORDER

DATE
6-1-77

NUMBER
77-24

SUBJECT

CHIEF'S CITATION AND MEDAL - POLICE OFFICER SAMUEL THOMPSON

DISTRIBUTION

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The Chief of Police takes pleasure in presenting Chief's Citation and Medal Number 235 to Police Officer Samuel Thompson, of the Tactical Services Section, in appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the department.

Officer Thompson initiated the department's K-9 Unit with two of his own dogs which he had trained on his own time and at his expense. One dog was trained to detect marijuana and the other to track.

On July 1, 1971, Officer Thompson was transferred to the Narcotic Section and assigned to work with the dog trained to detect marijuana and hashish at Metropolitan Airport, the Greyhound Bus Station, City Airport and to assist at narcotic raids within the city. Numerous arrests were effected as a direct result of the narcotics detection by Officer Thompson and his dog.

On February 18, 1972, Officer Thompson was transferred back to the Tactical Services Section in order to utilize both dogs and to increase their mobility.

During 1973, the K-9 Unit became a permanent part of the department with Officer Thompson the senior officer in charge. The unit then consisted of four dogs - all trained by Officer Thompson. The unit established an impressive record and proved to be an effective tool in law enforcement.

The present K-9 Unit consists of twelve dogs. Ten of them were trained by Officer Thompson, who also instructed the K-9 Unit officers in the proper handling of the dogs. The unit is now coordinated by a sergeant, however, there is still a strong reliance on the expertise of Officer Thompson.

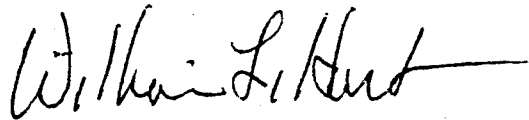
In January, 1976, Officer Thompson received an invitation to attend an advanced Police K-9 Instructor's Course in England. Officer Thompson attended the nine week course, which was by invitation only, from April 4 through June 5, 1976. Upon completion of the course, Officer Thompson became the first United States citizen to be certified by a European school to train police dogs, and in addition, the only certified person in the United States qualified to train body dogs.

Personnel Order 77-242

Officer Thompson has spent countless hours of his own time in developing the K-9 Unit from the embryonic stage to its present status. He appeared on television and radio with the approval of the department in promoting the unit. He has received numerous certificates of appreciation from community organizations including certificates from the University of Detroit and Schoolcraft Community College.

Officer Thompson is highly commended for his foresight in taking the nucleus of an idea and developing it into an effective unit of this department.

It is directed that a copy of this order, together with the citation and medal be presented to him and entered upon his record.



WILLIAM L. HART
Chief of Police

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PERSONNEL ORDER

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6-8-77

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SUBJECT

CHIEF'S UNIT AWARD: DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

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The Chief of Police takes pleasure in presenting the Chief's Unit Award Number 106 to members of the Detroit Police Department's K-9 Unit in recognition of their outstanding service.

The Detroit Police Department's K-9 Unit is a highly specialized operation offering extremely valuable services. The officer and canine teams have been efficient and effective since their inception. Basically they work in three areas; tracking, detecting narcotics and explosives.

The training of a dog takes approximately three months; eight hours per day. During the eight hour day, the dog is groomed, fed, exercised and put through a rigorous and demanding training program.

Before a dog is accepted for training, he must be of even temperament and friendly with children. He must be not less than one nor more than four years of age.

One officer, the handler, is assigned to each dog and the officer continues with the dog where the school leaves off. He must, through constant training, maintain the dog's proficiency, and provide the care and attention needed for his well being. The dog lives in the home with the officer and his family as a normal household pet.

The handlers and their dogs have amassed an extensive and very impressive record. Further, they have assisted in community relations and public relations programs. The handlers and their dogs have earned several citations.

The unit is the forerunner in establishing the use of canines in line-up identification. This method of identification has been successful in solving several major crimes.

The officers of this unit and their dogs have a total twenty-four hour commitment to their duties and their dedication to that duty is unquestionable.

The members and their canines honored by this award are named below. A copy of this order will be presented to each officer and the appropriate entry made on their respective records.

Personnel Order 77-249

Commander Richard Dungy
 Inspector Harold Johnson
 Executive Lieutenant Frank Winkler
 Sergeant Lloyd Jones
 Sergeant Hugh Doody
 Sergeant Marvin Kammer
 Sergeant Victor Hess
 Police Officer Samuel Thompson

Police Officer William Bartle
 K-9 Dominic

Police Officer Joseph Solomon
 K-9 Rev.

Police Officer David Dyrval
 K-9 Eric

Police Officer Raymond Ricken
 K-9 Nitro

Police Officer Hadley Yoakum
 K-9 Kaiser

Police Officer John Duncan
 K-9 Chad

Police Officer Phineas Willi
 K-9 Schultz

Police Officer John Skalski
 K-9 Baron

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 Chief of Police

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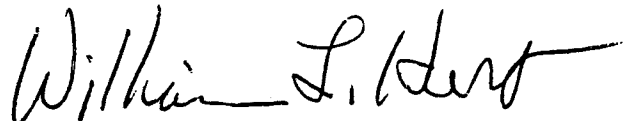
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