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Corporal Akin and K9 Stark Nab 200th Capture

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The Washington County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the 200th capture for Corporal Micah Akin & K9 Stark! The dynamic duo logged their milestone capture on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 while assisting Forest Grove Police in tracking down a suspect.

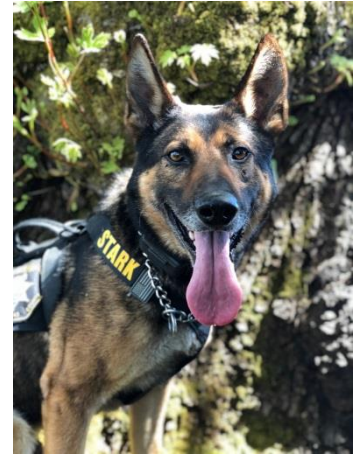
At around 6:00 p.m., a woman reported to police her 20-year-old son-in-law was recording cell phone video of an underage girl in the bathroom. The suspect ran off into a large field. K-9 Stark arrived and tracked the man through the field. The team located him hiding 15 feet up in a tree. The suspect surrendered to Corporal Akin and K9 Stark.

Corporal Akin and K9 Stark have been partners since October of 2012. Stark was born in California and is half German Shepherd and half Belgian Malinois. Corporal Akin and K9 Stark are certified in both narcotics detection and tracking. In August 2017, K9 Stark had knee surgery on both of his back legs. Remarkably, he made a full recovery and returned to full duty just four months later.

Looking back, K9 Stark has had some very memorable captures. Just a month post-recovery, Corporal Akin and K9 Stark located a suspected car thief after nearly four hours of tracking. Additionally, the pair has successfully tracked multiple attempted-murder suspects. K9 Stark has had multiple "hat-trick" days, logging three captures in one shift, often on separate incidents. Perhaps K9 Stark is best known by the community and his co-workers for his adorable photos in costume, which he often wears while tracking.

When asked about his furry partner, Corporal Akin had this to say: "The dog just loves his job and never quits. That's why I love him... we are inseparable."

Congratulations to Corporal Akin and K9 Stark!



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