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The Defiance County Sheriff's Office has placed the third K-9 on road patrol duties effective December 11, 2018. K-9 Taiga along with Deputy David Stecher graduated from the Allen County K-9 Academy, Indiana on December 9, 2018. All three K-9's are certified through the State of Ohio.

On December 11, 2018, at approximately 1852 hrs. a traffic stop was conducted on St. Rt. 18 at Openlander Road, after a short investigation K-9 Taiga alerted to an odor in the vehicle. A further search resulted in the location of suspected cocaine. The drugs were submitted to the BCI lab for confirmation. A case file has been submitted to the Defiance County Prosecutor's Office for possible charges of possession of cocaine a Felony of the Fifth degree, on Cheryl Delacruz, age: 55, of 120 Hicks St., Hicksville, and Sidney Smith, age: 46, of 119 Dixon Ave., Hicksville, Ohio.

On December 14, 2018, at approximately 0247 hrs. a report of a suspicious vehicle was handled with the vehicle being stopped on the Bend Road at Mud Creek Road in Ney, Ohio. During the investigation K-9 Ben alerted on the vehicle and a further search resulted in the location of Marijuana paraphernalia, and suspected methamphetamine being located. A Mark Deel, age: 38, of 2175 Road 22, Continental, Ohio was arrested on an Adult Probation Warrant out of Franklin County, Ohio; Brandy Lee Howard, age: 38, of 3810 McKinnie Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind., was issued a summons for possession of Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia, no operator's license, and expired plates. She is to appear in Defiance Municipal Court on December 19, 2018.

Deputies located approximately 17 grams of suspected methamphetamine, which has been submitted to the BCI lab in Bowling Green, Ohio. Authorities have forwarded a case file for charges against Mark Deel for possession of Methamphetamine over bulk amount, being a Felony of the 2nd Degree to the Defiance County Prosecutor's Office.

On December 14, 2018, at approximately 1013 hrs. a deputy and K-9 Lukka checked on a disabled vehicle on Lockwood Road and the Bend Road, Sherwood, Ohio. While attempting to assist the driver a detection of marijuana was emitting from the vehicle. Upon further investigation the driver of the vehicle was later found to be in possession of "Dab" or concentrated THC and marijuana which was purchased in the State of Michigan. Also located during the investigation was a small amount of suspected methamphetamine.

A Larry Bell III, age: 20, was cited for Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia associated with marijuana, fictitious plates, parking on the roadway, all misdemeanors. The suspected methamphetamine was sent to the BCI lab for testing with a case file being forwarded to the Defiance County Prosecutor's Office for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Felony of the Fifth Degree.

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