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**Meritorious Police Service Commendation for Excellent Police Duty**

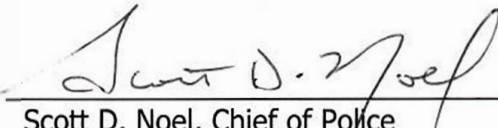
Officers: Sgt. Todd Stewart and K9 Cash Supervisor: Lt. R. Gerhardt  
 CIU PO Beth Roach  
 CIU PO Brendan McKinney Type of Incident: Felony Drug  
 Location: Blue Ash  
 Incident Date: 9/25/19

**Summary:**

On 9/25/19, PO Brendan McKinney and PO Beth Roach were working on a Community Impact Unit Coordinated Traffic Blitz with OSHP and initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the course of their conversations with the female and male occupants, officers identified wanted persons and behaviors indicative of drug transportation. They requested Sgt. Todd Stewart and his K-9 partner, Cash, to conduct a narcotics sniff of the vehicle. Sgt. Stewart deployed Cash, who positively alerted to the presence of narcotics. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle. Officers located illegal narcotics, drug paraphernalia and a disguised hidden compartment which contained 42 grams of methamphetamine. These officers conducted strategic interviews of the three arrested suspects and collected evidence to be analyzed. Officers applied for search warrants and found direct evidence which lead to indictments for trafficking and possession. This is one of the largest methamphetamine drug interdiction stops in the City of Blue Ash.

This investigation serves as an excellent example of officers working together as a team and leaving no stone unturned when it comes to criminal patrol efforts and drug interdiction. These officers are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and commitment to removing drugs from our community.

These officers are worthy of the Meritorious Police Service Commendation for Excellent Police Duty.

  
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