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"Saving Lives and Catching Bad Guys"

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832 Heroic Hound Lacey & Montana

Our heroic hound story this month features 2 of our most famous bloodhounds, 832's Montana who recently died from cancer and 832's Lacey who will soon be retiring. Both dogs were involved in a high profile FBI case that until now has not been released to the public.

Four years ago our team was deployed to Washington State to help find a missing 6 year old girl. Duke Snodgrass Executive Director and head trainer of Deputy Dogs, Deputy Scott Gaines, along with Montana and Lacey left Citrus County to fly out of Tampa.

Four days had already passed by the time they were called in to help. They arrived in Washington on the scene, were briefed by the FBI and advised that the area had been gone over by multiple search and rescue teams without success. Within minutes of getting the scent article Lacey located the girls body which was submerged under a wooden pallet in a muddy bog in the woods. The previous searchers had been walking over the pallet thinking it had been laid there to keep them from sinking into the muddy mire.

The suspects scent was then obtained from the child's body and was given to Montana, she was hot on the trail in a community of 104 homes. She trailed in and around the area even to a swimming pool where the guy washed himself off and then right to his house. Montana jumped up putting both feet on the front door and the suspect was behind the door.

The guy was 17 years old when he committed this horrific crime and has been confined to a hospital since then due to his mental condition. He is now 21 and has finally admitted to raping and murdering the little girl. He will be sentenced in May with a minimum of 40 years in prison. If our highly trained bloodhounds had not been on the job who knows how many more little ones this man might have killed. Congratulations to this team for their outstanding work.



Lacey lives with Deputy Scott Gaines of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in Ohio and his family and will soon be a couch potato in her golden years of retirement. She certainly deserves the best after all her life saving finds serving with the FBI and Deputy Gaines. For more information about how you can donate or help please visit www.deputydogs.org