K9 Emergency Response Teams Inc. Search Narrative

11-6-05

Search for: Theresa Halbach
White female, 25, last seen 10-31-05
White button down shirt, blue jeans, tennis shoes
No known medical
Weather: Sunny/ptly sunny, windy NW 15-20, lower 50's

Teams on Scene:

Michelle Metzner and K9 Radar
Phil Popke and K9 Reba
Penny Leder and K9 Nakita
Howard Kieslewski and K9 Ellie
Rachel Abney Bruns and K9 Langley
Randy Bruns- Base Operations and Field Support
Mutual Aid Teams:
Jeff Benzo and K9 Arrow and K9 Britta- HSAR
Chris Harrington Field Support- WTROT
Bill Schultz Field Support-WTROT

Search Information:

Theresa Halbach was last known to be on the property of Mr. Avery at the Avery Salvage Yard taking pictures of the van he was trying to sell. Her vehicle was found on that property by family searchers on Saturday afternoon 11-5-05. Searchers then began looking around the adjoining property. She has no known medical conditions. Was last seen wearing a white button down shirt, jeans and tennis shoes, by family members.

First teams on scene were Michelle Metzner and Jeff Benzow. We were briefed and led to an area of wooded land off of Krueger and Twin Bridge roads. We were assisted by a deputy from Manitowoc Sheriffs Dept. A woman had reported seeing a vehicle possibly matching the subjects on Friday 11-4-05. It sat at that location most of the day. Michelle and K9 Radar, along with FS Chris Harrington searched the wooded area to the west of Krueger Rd. They noted several piles of debris but no indications were made by the dog. They saw no visual indications of the subject in the area.

Search ended about 1530hrs

Jeff Benzow and K9 Arrow with FS Bill Schultz searched the wooded area to the west of Krueger Rd.

Both teams also cleared the ditch lines along both sides of Twin Bridge road for about 1/2mile both directions. No areas of interest were found by either teams.

Search ended about 1530hrs

Phil Popke and K9 Reba searched some autos and debris piles in the salvage yard. They were assisted by Deputy Wendy Baldwin. They also cleared some areas of overturned dirt, as well as out buildings near the doublewide trailer. They reported no areas of interest by the dog.

Search ended about 1620hrs

Penny Leder and K9 Nakita and Rachel Abney-Bruns and K9 Langley searched the wooded areas to the south and west of the property as marked areas #1, and #3 on map. They were assisted by Lt. Kelly Sipple. They also reported no areas of interest by the dogs.

Search ended about 1612hrs

Howard Kislewski and K9 Ellie searched the wooded areas marked as #2 on the map. They reported no areas of interest by the dog.

Search ended about 1647hrs

Jeff Benzow and Michelle Metzner were then reassigned a gravel pit and pond area marked as area #5 on the map. Teams were assisted by Deputy Schultz and Deputy Baldwin. The entire gravel pit area was searched with no signs of the subject or areas of interest by the dog. However, a bucket of pool chemical was located and it appeared to contain maggots and some organic substance. Neither dog gave an alert on the pail, but K9 Radar did show some interest, prompting officers to open it to check contents.

Seach ended at about 1747hrs.

Before clearing the scene, Agent Zhang, from the state crime lab, approached asking for a dog to confirm an area that had a sample that came back as blood, taken from it. Rachel Abney-Bruns with K9 Langley, Michelle Metzner, and Agent Zhang, proceeded to the gravel pit. K9 Langley did alert on the excavated soil, however he gave no indications of interest on the larger pile of stones. It was recommended by handlers, that more digging of the area may be warranted, due to conditions and the area rechecked in favorable light of day. Team cleared the scene at 1842hrs.

This report was compiled with facts from all reports submitted by handlers working the scene on 11-6-05. Individual reports can be obtained by calling K9 Emergency Response Teams coordinators.

Respectfully submitted to the best of my knowledge, by:

Michelle Metzner

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