

Sgt. Mike Wallace & K9 Ax US Park Police

On Friday, July 8th, at approximately 0245 hours, Canine Sergeant Michael Wallace responded to assist Anne Arundel County and District 4 patrol units with a K9 search. AA County Police had pursued the vehicle in connection with an armed carjacking that had just occurred in Anne Arundel County MD. During the pursuit the vehicle had wrecked on the Baltimore Washington Parkway over Route 50. Two subjects were observed running from the vehicle and a firearm was subsequently observed in the vehicle. Once the perimeter was secure, Sgt. Wallace, working in conjunction with Canine units from Prince George's County Police and the Metropolitan Police began a systematic search of the area for the suspect. Sgt. Wallace observed a strong indication from K9 Ax of a scent trail and tracked it through heavy foliage adjacent to Route 50 working towards WDC. Sgt Wallace and K9 Ax worked the track for approximately 20 minutes in the 90 degree heat and humidity. After losing contact with the track Sgt Wallace placed K9 Ax in a down to rest. Sgt Wallace then observed K9 Ax come out of the down position while focusing on a hilled tree line in front of them. Sgt Wallace gave K9 Ax the track command again and K9 Ax pulled him up to the hill top through the brush. At the top of the hill K9 Ax made contact with a subject who had buried himself under a woodpile and overgrowth. The subject was later identified in a show up as one of the car jacking suspects.

Sergeant Wallace and his canine's dedication to duty and perseverance in finding a dangerous suspect involved in a felonious crime reflects great credit on the Force. Their actions show the amazing capabilities of using patrol canine teams to search, gives further credit that the suspect was also taken into custody without harm. For these actions Sergeant Michael Wallace and his canine partner K9 Ax are to be commended.