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MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Deputies & K9 Dax Save Man's Life

On April 19, 2021, at approximately 12:20 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a home in the 35800 block of North Hunt Avenue, Ingleside, for a report of a suicidal person.

While responding to the scene, Lake County Sheriff's Telecommunicators ascertained a 37-year-old man sliced his wrists open and fled from the residence on foot. After learning the man left on foot and was in immediate need of medical help and mental wellness assistance, Sheriff's Deputy John Forlenza and K9 Dax responded to the scene.

The initial deputies arrived and located a large amount of blood in the home. A short time later Deputy Forlenza and K9 Dax arrived at the scene. K9 Dax conducted an immediate track. K9 Dax located the man's scent and tracked out the back door of the home and started initially tracking in a southwest direction. K9 Dax then turned and tracked to the north, directly to a shed in the rear of the property. Deputy Chase Skrypek opened the door to the shed and found the man inside, unconscious and not breathing. Deputy Forlenza and Deputy Skrypek carried the man out of the shed and began CPR. Deputy Michael McCarty arrived and assisted with CPR until paramedics arrived.

Just prior to the arrival of paramedics, the man began breathing and regained consciousness. He was transported to an area hospital due to his injuries and for a mental health evaluation.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "This is yet another outstanding example of the dedication and devotion our sheriff's deputies have to the Lake County community. The number one priority of everyone working at the Lake County Sheriff's Office is to always maintain the respect and dignity of every human life - Deputies Forlenza, Skrypek, McCarty, and K9 Dax did just that and undoubtedly saved this man's life."

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