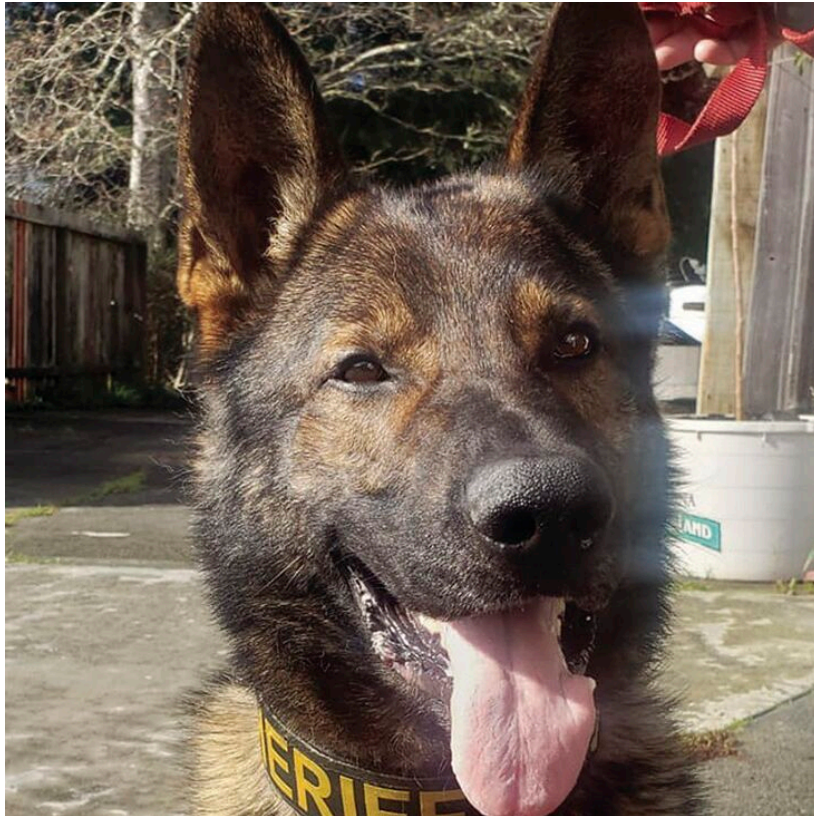


Sheriff's department and K9 Zuko make fentanyl bust

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After the April 19 attempt to smuggle nearly two ounces of the deadly fentanyl drug into the Del Norte Jail, Sheriff Garrett Scott requested and his department was granted a search warrant for a body cavity search on suspect, 36-year-old Roxanne Hamilton and the premises on K Street.

Del Norte code enforcement has also lodged assorted health code violations against the property, with squalid conditions outside the property and various other health code violations. The water was turned off two weeks ago for lack of payment.

Hamilton was arrested at the home at 1030 K St. in Crescent City April 25 and has been detained on several felony charges including bringing drugs into a correctional facility.

During the arrest of Hamilton, deputies caught a glimpse of drug paraphernalia. Deputy Kenny Fahnrich and Zuko were dispatched to the scene and Zuko picked up the strong order of drugs.

At least four other subjects were also detained at the K street property but were eventually released pending further investigation.

The property is in foreclosure . Code Enforcement will have a case before a court hearing officer later this month.

Sheriff Scott was elated with deputies and the K9 team.

“I cannot underscore the importance of our K9 team. I’m looking into the addition of another K9. The cost for acquiring a drug dog with training and an assigned deputy is about \$70,000 but it’s worth it. I’ll be seeking the use of Measure R funds when the department moves forward,” Scott stated.