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SHERIFF LAURIE SMITH

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Community Policing Event

LOCATION: Sheriff's Office Academy (19050 Malguerra Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA)

DETAILS:

In 2019, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office deputies searched for a violent suspect in San Jose's Cambrian neighborhood. The suspect hid in the neighborhood and attempted to avoid apprehension. Deputies established a perimeter around the neighborhood and then searched all of the properties and vehicles to safeguard the residents and to capture the suspect.

During the search, 8-year-old Aubrey and her mother were driving through the area. Aubrey saw the deputies and a Sheriff's K9 setting up to search. Aubrey asked her mom if she could pet the K9 but was told the K9 was working and she couldn't pet it at that time.

The following day, Aubrey's mother called the Sheriff's Office and requested to speak with the K9 handler who worked the incident. Aubrey's mother explained that Aubrey has been going through a difficult medical battle and that she mentioned how great it would be to show the Sheriff K9 to Aubrey.

The following day, members of our Sheriff's K9 Unit met Aubrey at her home and learned more about Aubrey and her medical challenges. Aubrey stayed in contact with the K9 Team, and as we followed her story online, we were inspired by how she handled her medical conditions with such bravery and strength.

Aubrey recently received news that a previously removed tumor has returned, and she is scheduled to undergo an intensive medical procedure. The medical team hopes Aubrey stays in high spirits to aid in her recovery. The current Sheriff's Office Academy Recruit Class learned of Aubrey's story during their Community Policing classroom lecture.

Aubrey's story was also shared with members of the Sheriff's Office and the Deputy Sheriff's Association. Through everyone's efforts, the Academy Class collectively raised enough money to surprise her family with an all-expense-paid trip to Disneyland.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Academy Staff coordinated with Aubrey's mother and her to visit the academy campus this Thursday July 14, during their Community Policing lecture. The academy recruits will set up a mock scenario where Aubrey will become a "Junior" recruit and complete a scavenger hunt-type scenario. During the scenario, Aubrey will find clues (words of inspiration) that will lead her to a room where the class will be waiting to surprise her with a trip to Disneyland.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office invites the media to attend the viewing of the "Junior" recruit and surprise news to Disneyland. Please see the below information for further event details:

Date: Thursday, July 14th
Time: 9:00am
Location: Santa Clara County Justice Training Center
19050 Malguerra Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Please RSVP to Deputy Russell Davis (Russell.Davis@shf.sccgov.org).