

Massachusetts State Police K9 “Tank” helps Billerica police capture three wanted suspects

“Shortly after 10:15 last night, Chelmsford Police located a vehicle wanted by Bedford Police. Massachusetts State Police K9 Unit Trooper Thomas Janeczak and his partner Tank (pictured) responded to assist in the search for three male suspects who were captured by a security camera as they ran from the vehicle.

Tank deployed from the vehicle and acquired a track across a parking lot. The track continued into the woods, then across another parking lot and then into a second wooded area.

Tank then became frantic at the wood line. Trooper Janeczak pulled the dog back and shone his flashlight into the woods at the point where Tank had a change of behavior. The Trooper saw two men in hoodies crouched down in the woods and gave a warning for them to surrender or face apprehension by Tank. Both men then emerged from their attempted hiding spot and gave up without further incident.

K9 units from Chelmsford and Billerica Police then deployed in that same area and, a short time later, located the third suspect in a landscaping company yard across from where Tank located the first two. All three suspects were turned over to Billerica Police.”