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The Warren County Sheriff's Office is announcing a press conference this coming **Friday, December 4, 2009, 1000 hours, at 550 Justice Drive in Lebanon, Ohio**. The purpose of this press conference is to announce and highlight the certification of two new canines.

Deputy Kelly Hammonds will be present with his newly certified dog, "Tango". Tango is trained as an enforcement canine, tracker, and in the detection of illegal substances. Deputy Hammonds will be there with his canine vehicle.

Deputy Brian Lewis, who is a current canine handler with his narcotics dog "Kilo", has trained a second canine named "Kash". Kash is extremely unique in the fact that he has been trained to detect several of the most common prescription drugs of abuse. **This makes Kash the first law enforcement canine in the region, possibly the nation, to be used to detect pharmaceuticals.** Kash will be riding in Deputy Lewis' new vehicle with Kilo. Kash has also been trained on United States currency and illicit substances.

Funding for all three of these canines was obtained through asset forfeiture or through a grant provided by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), with no county funds being utilized.

Sheriff Sims with all three canines and their handlers will be present to provide photo opportunities for the media.

Sincerely,

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