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ELLETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES K-9 "FRANK"

ELLETTSVILLE, IN (February 4, 2026): The Ellettsville Police Department and the Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney are proud to announce the recent addition of "Frank" to the Monroe County High Tech Crime Unit (HTCU). In partnership between Prosecuting Attorney Erika Oliphant and the Town of Ellettsville, the HTCU was established and is maintained to collect and process digital evidence of crime for eleven Indiana counties.

"Frank" is a dual-purpose K-9, with a primary focus in detecting the presence of electronic storage devices, also known as ESDs, during the execution of search warrants. This K-9 initiative was provided by the National Computer Forensics Institute, through sponsorship with the United States Secret Service, and maintains certification through Jordan Detection K-9 Agency.

"Frank" has a secondary focus in providing support to child victims and witnesses. He is excellent with children and can happily provide a resource for them at crime scenes during search warrant service, at forensic interviews, or during criminal proceedings (such as trial testimony).

This K-9 initiative will prove vital in the investigation and apprehension of criminal perpetrators engaged in various illicit activities, including child pornography and solicitation, cyber stalking, human trafficking, and any other crime where electronic storage devices are utilized.

"Frank", his handler, HTCU Director Levi Minnick, and the Ellettsville Police Department are affiliates of the Indiana Crimes Against Children Taskforce.

Welcome to the Ellettsville Police Department, "Frank"!



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Ellettsville Town Manager Michael Farmer, Ellettsville Police Department Chief of Police Jimmie Durnil, Monroe County High Tech Crime Unit Director Levi Minnick, K9 Frank, Ellettsville Police Department Deputy Chief George Robinson, Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney Erika Oliphant, Town of Ellettsville Clerk-Treasurer Noelle Conyer