

K-9 is hero in foot chase

Staff Report

FALLS TWP., Pa. — It took a great police dog named Bishop from Lower Makefield Twp. to track and bring down a 32-year-old Fairless Hills man who had fled police here by car and on foot yesterday.

Ryan Waid had been sought on warrants out of Bucks and Delaware counties, and was also facing charges of fraud issued by Falls police, reported Falls Lt. Henry Ward.

When Falls police spotted his car at 1:15 p.m., Waid stayed inside, and took off — with two marked township units in hot pursuit.

The chase ran on New Falls Road, and Tyburn Road, Old Trenton Road and Bristol Pike.

"Mr. Waid tried to elude police by going onto the canal path," reported Lt. Ward, "but the vehicle became disabled, and Mr. Waid fled on foot."

Cops poured in from the surrounding municipalities of Morrisville and Tullytown. They and officers from the Bucks County Sheriff's Office "surrounded the area in an attempt to confine Mr. Waid until K-9

units could respond to assist in the search," Ward said.

The dogs did indeed respond, Sgt. Jason Braim and K-9 Bishop, who have partnered for four years in Lower Makefield, searched the area along with a Falls dog team.

"Mr. Waid ran into a heavily-wooded area in an attempt to elude the dog teams," reported Lt. Ward. "Bishop picked up Mr. Waid's scent and tracked him to where he was hiding under heavy brush."

He surrendered without incident, Ward said.

Now Waid faces new charges, of recklessly endangering, fleeing and eluding police, disorderly conduct and driving under suspension, all related to this chase and capture.

Once Waid was in custody, he was turned over to the Bucks County Sheriff's Department, which trucked him on up to Bucks County Prison.

By the way, the hullabaloo even closed down Amtrak train service along the Northeast Corridor for 25 minutes, because Waid had been running across the tracks.