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MAN ARRESTED FOR STABBING A SECOND SDPD CANINE

Same Suspect Stabbed Canine Titan Earlier This Year Following Hours-Long Standoff

The man who stabbed SDPD Canine Titan, leaving him seriously wounded, has been arrested again for stabbing another SDPD dog, Canine Hondo. Dedrick Jones, 35, was approached by officers responding to a vandalism call the morning of December 17th. The officers were dispatched to the 3700 block of Riley Street where they saw Jones swinging a knife. Despite officers' efforts to de-escalate the situation, Jones refused to cooperate and climbed onto a parked car. Jones eventually stepped down and came towards officers while still armed with the knife. The officers used less-lethal tools in an effort to avoid using deadly force. This included deploying Canine Hondo. Jones stabbed Canine Hondo at least twice before officers were able to take Jones, who was still armed with the knife, into custody.

In January, Jones was armed with two knives and stabbed Canine Titan following an hours-long standoff. Canine Titan received 100 stitches, had part of his colon removed, and endured weeks of recovery. Jones pleaded guilty to felony animal cruelty and assault on a peace officer. He was sentenced to one year in jail, but was released in June based on jail credits for time served. Jones was on probation when he committed yesterday's attack.

"Our system must do a better job holding violent offenders accountable," said Chief of Police David Nisleit. "It is ironic and tragic that the man who had the gall to stab a police dog in January committed the same crime just months later. This suspect must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law so that he will not have the opportunity to cause further harm."

Canine Hondo received treatment at a San Diego veterinary hospital and will continue to receive care for his wounds; he is expected to survive.

Jones was arrested for animal cruelty, harming a police dog, assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, resisting an officer with threats or violence, and vandalism.

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