

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-LOST TODDLER FOUND BY SHERIFF'S K9**

[Fairfield County, Ohio, June 30, 2015] Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that at 1204 pm today a Stoutsville, Ohio mother called 911 to advise that her 23 month old son was missing and could not be found. Several deputies immediately responded to the scene and began to search. Deputy Shaun Meloy and his K9 partner "Kahr" were one of the units on the scene.

The National Weather Service had called for a chance of severe storms this afternoon, so time was of the essence.

Deputy Meloy and Kahr initiated a K9 track to locate the toddler. The course of the track went off between two adjoining cornfields behind the residence and along a sod waterway. The grass was approximately one foot high and the corn was six foot high. The cornfields are bordered by a six foot wide stream. The child was located approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the residence. The time of the track was fifteen minutes.