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RCMP Cst. Stephanie Michaud and Police Service Dog Snypers won Overall Champion at the Canadian Police Canine Association National Championships (CPCA).

Canada's Top K9

Rookie K9 snipes a round of medals

RCMP Constable Stephanie Michaud is the first ever female dog handler to win the Can-Am Police Fire Games, Canadian Police Canine Association Championship Dog Trials in its 27-year history and only the 3rd ever Mountie to win the title.

Cst. Michaud is an 18-year veteran of the RCMP and has been assigned to K9 for the past 10 years; she is currently working the streets of Surrey and Langley, BC.

Snypers is a three-year-old all-black, purebred German shepherd, who's been

working the beat for just over seven months and was one of the youngest dogs to ever compete in the event – much less win it. Snypers won gold in explosives detection, gold in evidence searching, silver in criminal apprehension, bronze in tracking and fourth in agility trials. In the end, he was crowned top dog, or overall champion of the annual competition held July 17-20 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Police work is in his blood as Snypers is the son of another police dog; Axle a K9 with the Everett PD. Axle is handled by Officer Suzanne Eviston who also raised

both dogs at her Von Grunheide Kennels. Her kennels has produced police K9s for departments in BC, Washington State, Idaho and Oregon. Half the dogs with the Vancouver PD Dog Squad came from Von Grunheide.

Cst. Michaud said, "I am very proud of the little bugger, he's a very smart cookie! He is by far my most trusted and loyal friend. The training value at Trials is exceptional as every event scenario is based on an actual call. The knowledge, experience and expertise at the trials is incredible, you cannot walk away from trials without having learned something."

Michaud and Snypers had their work cut out for them as they were competing against the 2007 Champions Vancouver PD's Cst. Ray Wong and Bear who finished in Second Place.



Skagit County Deputy among six dead in Washington

Suspect turned himself in after leading police on chase

ON Tuesday, Sept. 2, a shooting rampage south of Bellingham, WA in which six people died along a trail of blood stretching from the tiny town of Alger to the state's busiest highway just north of Mount Vernon ended with the surrender of a man who was recently released from jail, authorities said.

The man's mother described her son as "desperately mentally ill" and said the sheriff's deputy he's accused of killing had tried to help the family for years.

State Department of Corrections officials identified the gunman in Tuesday's



Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy Anne Jackson was killed while attending a distress call.

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deadly spree as Isaac Zamora, 28, who had just served a six-month jail sentence for drug possession in Skagit County, in northwest Washington. Since his Aug. 6 release, Zamora had been under community supervision by corrections officers, spokesman Chad Lewis said.

The six who died included Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy Anne Jackson, 40, who was shot while responding to the initial call by Dennise Zamora.

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