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To whom it may concern,

The Ogdensburg Police Department started its first K9 program in 2014. With a lack of trainers in the area, the department looked at many locations within the state to provide quality training for both the police dog and the handler. Ben Andujar of East Coast Working Dogs assisted with the drug detection training with my dog K9 Kodiak. Kodiak has since been involved in hundreds of drug searches. Our K9 team has developed a reputation of being very reliable and is often requested from agencies at the local, state and federal levels. I have been fortunate enough to spend a week of training with Andujar for the past several years. During our training sessions, Ben is highly motivated and is able to not only train the dogs, but more importantly is able to train their human partners. During training Andujar never hesitates to volunteer to be a decoy for a patrol dog, or lay a track through the woods. Ben has an all-around skill set for training dogs. I would feel confident to have Ben Andujar train any police working dog, service dog, or train the basics in obedience to a dog at any age and energy level. Andujar's dedication to high quality training service dogs, has made me a better handler and K9 Kodiak a valuable member to our community.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Mark Kearns

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K9 Handler/Patrol Supervisor