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### **Weld County Sheriff's Office K9 team assists Brighton PD with drug bust**

A Weld County Sheriff's Office K9 handler and his partner responded last week to a call to assist Brighton police officers with a traffic stop that ended with the seizure of close to 10 pounds of narcotics.

About 7:30 p.m. last Thursday Sept. 10, Deputy Larry Neugebauer and his K9 partner, Viper, responded to East 168th Avenue and 9th Street to perform an open-air sniff on a traffic stop. Brighton police officers had pulled over a vehicle carrying two women who had been seen leaving a known drug house.

Neugebauer deployed Viper to begin sniffing the exterior of the car. He alerted to the odor of narcotics when he reached the driver's side door.

After Viper was returned to his patrol car, Brighton officers had the driver step out of her vehicle. When asked if she had any drugs, the driver said there was methamphetamine and cocaine in a bag in the backseat.

Officers removed the bag from the car. Inside were three, small plastic baggies containing a crystal substance, a large bag containing a white powdery substance and two black, rectangular packages about 12 inches long by six inches wide.

In total, police seized 3.76 pounds of meth and 5.5 pounds of cocaine, or just shy of 2.5 kilograms. With an estimated average street value of \$6,000 for one pound of meth and \$29,000 for a kilo of cocaine, the total estimated street value of the narcotics was more than \$95,000.

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Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at (970) 356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. **Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at [www.crimeshurt.com](http://www.crimeshurt.com). Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward.**

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