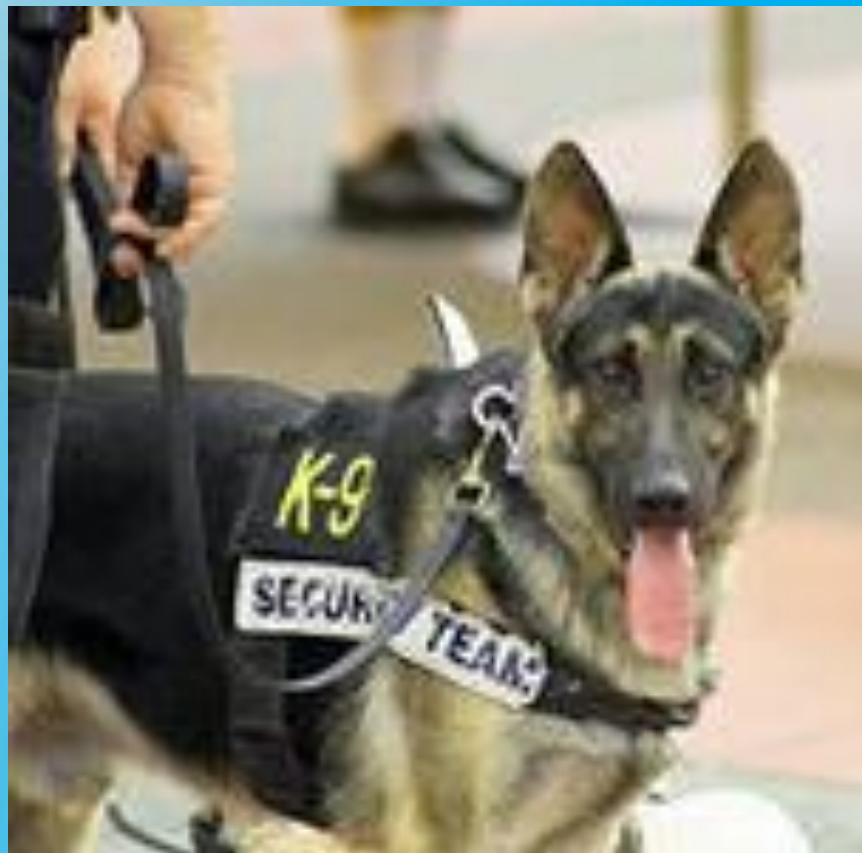


K-9 Rambo Find Opium Shipments in Chicago Foreign Mail



Chicago – A U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 officer working with his partner Rambo seized more than 17 pounds of opium at the Chicago Foreign Mail Facility Tuesday.





While screening arriving international mail at the Foreign Mail Facility at O'Hare Airport, Rambo discovered two separate shipments of opium, that had been soaked and dried onto wooden twigs and packed in dried leaves.

This is the tenth opium seizure in the last four weeks by CBP at the foreign mail branch for a combined total of more than 83 pounds of opium.



The CBP K-9 program has been outstanding in detecting concealed narcotics that arrive in the United States. There are currently six categories of CBP detector dogs: explosive, narcotics, currency, BORSTAR, agriculture and concealed humans and CBP have over 1,100 detector dogs in the workforce. The average trained CBP K-9 can inspect 500 packages in 20-30 minutes.



CBP officers and agriculture specialists are stationed at the foreign mail facilities located throughout the country. CBP is constantly screening arriving international mail and on the lookout for any type of contraband or prohibited items being shipped to the United States.



Currently, the detector dogs absolutely indispensable at the customs branch.

