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K-9 BO Saves 2-Year-Old; Tracks Down Domestic Assault Suspect

GASTONIA, N.C. — On Saturday afternoon, November 21, 2026, Gastonia Police responded to a domestic assault on Amber Crest Drive. Officers learned that 21-year-old Paul Fischetti had allegedly assaulted the victim before running from the home with their 2-year-old child.

With the suspect and child missing, Sgt. Rowland and K-9 Bo were called in to help. K-9 Bo quickly picked up a scent and led officers into a wooded area. A short time later, Bo located both the suspect and the child.

Fischetti was taken into custody without further incident and charged with felony assault by strangulation.

Most importantly, the child was found safe. Great job by Sgt. Rowland and K-9 Bo.

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