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MEDIA RELEASE

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Subject: Death of K-9 Officer BOLO

Announcement:

It is with great sadness that the Brookland Police Department announces the death of K-9 Officer, BOLO. BOLO was handled by Officer Cody Ladner. Cody and BOLO had a very special bond and made an awesome team. He was loved by everybody in this department. He was very physically fit with never-ending energy. He had an intimidating presence but was a sweet-natured boy! He was very well cared for and adored by Officer Ladner and his family. When it came to work, he was all business and was always ready. He was a great asset to this department and will truly be missed by us all.

Circumstances:

On July 18th, at approximately 10:30 AM, BOLO was discovered deceased in his kennel at the residence of his handler. The last known contact with BOLO was on this same date at approximately 2:00 AM, as Officer Ladner completed his shift. BOLO had been unable to complete his shift that night, as their patrol car had a mechanical failure. A couple of hours into their shift, they were driving down highway 49. Officer Ladner heard a loud "boom", and the vehicle began smoking as if it was on fire. He coasted to the side of the road and *immediately removed himself and BOLO from the vehicle. A second patrol car was called to the scene to secure BOLO in.* Other than being a little excited, BOLO seemed fine. BOLO was taken home to his family due to the unit that Officer Ladner would use to finish out his shift was not outfitted to accommodate BOLO. At 2:00 AM, as Officer Ladner completed his shift, he went to feed and water BOLO per normal routine. This was the last interaction Officer Ladner had with BOLO before he was found deceased.

With there being no obvious indication as to what caused his death, the Greene County Sheriff's Office was contacted and responded to the scene. A necropsy will be performed to hopefully determine what caused his death. Further details will be released as they become available.

Chief Jon Moore