



DeKalb County Police Department

Special Services Division

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To: Captain B.K. DeLoach #1992

From: Lieutenant D.A. Asberry #1850

Subject: K9 Indi's Retirement

Date: October 14, 2020

It is my recommendation that K9 Indi be retired effective immediately. This decision is due in large part to K9 Indi's exemplary work record, age, and current medical condition. It is also in line with the recommendation from Indi's primary physician that he be retired. This recommendation is consistent with the K9 unit S.O.P. I also recommend that K-9 Indi be retired to his handler Sergeant Norman R. Larsen's care to enjoy his remaining years.

K-9 Indi is a Belgian Malinois that began service in 2011 as a narcotics/apprehension K-9 with the department and served his entire career with his handler, Sergeant Norman R. Larsen. During their time with this department, this team has given outstanding service to the department and the citizens of the county by way of the following:

- K9 Deployments – 686
- Felony and Misdemeanor arrests – 264
- K9 apprehensions – 93
- Drug finds – Cocaine (7447 g), Marijuana (155 oz.), Heroin (83 g), Meth (25403 g) and pills (280)
- Total value drug seized – \$3,726,343
- Weapons seized – 97
- Vehicles seized – 3
- Currency seized - \$107,140

One notable incident that Indi was involved in was on December 13, 2018 at approximately 17:00 hours, Officer Edgar Flores conducted a traffic stop on Candler Road near Tilson Road. The vehicle was a blue, Nissan, displaying a drive-out tag. The driver of the vehicle exited the vehicle and ran toward 2091 Candler Road (All Tunes Automotive). Officer Flores chased the suspect, and he narrowed the chasing distance. The suspect opened fire and shot Officer Flores several times. The suspect ran away when he realized that the officer was down. Emergency Medical Services responded to assist Officer Flores, but he succumbed to his injuries while enroute to the hospital.



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The DeKalb County Police Special Operations Divisions heard this traffic on the radio and responded. Once on the scene, a tracking team of five (5) officers and a canine, (Officer N. R. Norman #2421 with K9 Indi, Officer E. M. Bates #1988, Officer S. Rapier #2768, Officer L. C. Simpson #3331, and Officer J. C. Spruill #3113) was formed. The track started near the intersection of Tilson Road and Candler Road. K9 Indi's keen sense of smell led the officers to the rear of 2125 Candler Road Decatur, Georgia 30032. The canine located the suspect (Brandon Taylor; D.O.B. 01/12/85) who strategically concealed behind several stacks of tires. Indi apprehended the suspect with a bite. The suspect was still armed, and he shot Indi one time in the face, causing severe damage to the dog's right eye. Indi released the bite and returned to his handler. The suspect fired several more times toward the tracking team. The officers tactically identified the threat and incapacitated the suspect with lethal force. The suspect was treated at the scene and transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries. Canine, Indi was transported to Blue Pearl for medical treatment.

K9 Indi returned to full-duty on March 11, 2019 without restrictions. K9 Indi continued to serve the citizens of DeKalb County until his handler MPO Larsen was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to the Uniform Division. This retirement would be a fitting gesture to a K9 who has given unconditional service throughout his career, even after he was severely wounded in the line of duty apprehending a suspect that killed a DeKalb County Police officer.