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MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES PASSING OF K-9

Monmouth County: It is with deep regret that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office announces the passing of K-9 Tango, beloved partner of Sheriff's Officer Michael Mindo. The ten year old German Shepherd, who specialized in narcotics detection and patrols, recently retired in January, after a long and successful nine year career assisting in combatting crime. On Friday Aug. 18, K-9s and their handlers from numerous law enforcement agencies lined up outside of Touchstone Veterinary Center in Morganville, where Tango, the highly trained, hardworking police dog and most loyal companion, was provided with the proper send off.

"The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is extremely saddened over the passing of K-9 Tango who was an exceptional and loyal member of our K-9 unit," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Tango was a valuable asset in promoting law enforcement, maintaining public safety and combating the proliferation of drugs in Monmouth County. We are grateful for his service."

S/O Mindo and K-9 Tango were a great team.

Throughout the years they seized large sums of cash which resulted from numerous drug investigations, located a significant amount of narcotics, assisted in more than 25 criminal surrenders, located four firearms and worked frequently with the US Marshal's Service, the DEA and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Tango was well known throughout Monmouth County as he and S/O Mindo conducted K-9 demos at schools, community events and large gatherings throughout the year.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office presently consists of eight sheriff's officers and nine K9s which include two narcotics detection teams, three bloodhounds, two explosive detection teams and two explosive/ patrol teams.

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office thanks all for their continued support of the agency's K-9 Unit.

RIP K-9 Tango.

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