



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Purchase & training of new Chico Police K9

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Chico Police Department

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: N/A

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: N/A

VICTIM: N/A

SUSPECT: N/A

NARRATIVE: In 2013, long time Chico resident Virginia Jordan passed away, leaving a portion of her estate to the Chico Police Department's K9 Unit. Her bequest was for the exclusive purpose of purchasing, training and caring for police dogs. Ms. Jordan's estate has since been adjudicated and accepted by the Chico City Council on or about February, 2015.

In August, 2015 the police department held a testing and selection process to fill a vacant K9 Handler position. (This was not an additional Police Officer position. A current officer was utilized to fill the collateral K9 assignment.) Officer Brandon Joseph was selected by Chief Mike O'Brien to fill that position.

A Police K9 was selected from the department's vendor and trainer, Vigilant Canine Services International (VCSI.) He is a 19 month old Belgian Malinois named "Pax." Officer Joseph and Pax attended a five week Basic K9 Handlers Course together and graduated on November 13, 2015. Pax is certified for patrol operations and narcotics detection. They are currently in service and assigned to the patrol division.

Attached is a photo of Officer Joseph and Pax.

Supervisor:

Watch Commander:

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