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The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – K9 Transfer  
**Immediate Consideration Requested**

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to transfer ownership of "Jules", an Explosive Detection canine, assigned to the Police Services Captain Sean Simet, a certified K9 handler.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration and approval at the July 30, 2015 meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD  
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

## ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office  
K9 Transfer

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer ownership of "Jules" to Captain Sean Simet upon Jules retirement from service.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No negative fiscal effect on County funds.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Due to age and health issues, "Jules" will no longer be able to serve as a K9 in the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Upon Jules separation of service from the Erie County Sheriff's Office it is appropriate to transfer ownership to her longtime partner and handler Captain Sean Simet.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

Captain Sean Simet would be unable to take ownership of his longtime partner and member of his family.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Purchase, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office  
K9 Transfer**

WHEREAS, "Jules" has served the Erie County Sheriff's Office as an explosives detection canine for seven and a half years, and

WHEREAS, Captain Sean Simet and Jules have built a relationship that is special and only found in handler/canine partnerships, and

WHEREAS, due to health issues, Jules can no longer complete the grueling and necessary certification for explosive detection canines, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office conferred with the Director of Purchasing and the County Attorney to determine that by Legislative Resolution the transfer of ownership could occur.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Captain Sean Simet will be allowed to retain possession of his K9 partner, Jules; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Office of the Sheriff is hereby authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Captain Sean Simet for the consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) for the transfer of ownership of Jules. Captain Sean Simet shall assume full responsibility for the canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any and all liability;

**AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution are forwarded to the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Purchase, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.