



Sheriff's Office

Volusia County

Ben F. Johnson, Sheriff

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To: Sheriff Ben F. Johnson
via: chain of command

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Date: 05-04-2011

From: Deputy Christopher Beatty
Civil Section Deland Office
Blood Hound Team

File: 072M012.11

Subject: Resignation from Blood Hound Team

I am writing this to respectfully request release from my assignment as Bloodhound Handler of K9 Joker. Time required to train and respond to calls has become a hardship and has placed an unfair burden on my family. My wife is an emergency room nurse with an ever changing schedule and is also the major breadwinner in our family. I am the primary custodial parent, responsible for the ever increasing activities of my two sons. My boys are five and ten years old. Activities and time I have had to devote to K9 has meant sacrificing quality time with them and my wife.

In addition, due to my residence in Seville, the most northwest area of the County, it is often difficult to maintain a reasonable response time depending on the location of a call. I have been fortunate to have parents and in-laws willing to support me in my career choices and they have been there at a moment's request to help watch my children so I can respond even in the middle of the night. They all still have active careers of their own and often late night calls present an extra burden on them to respond to help me out. There have been times when they were not readily available to watch my children when I got a call and I have had to scramble to find child care, especially when my wife is on duty at the hospital. During these times, primarily late night calls, I would have to interrupt my sons' sleep in order to accommodate another caretaker.

The responsibility of being a good K9 handler has placed undue stress on my entire family and I therefore request release from this assignment. My appointment to this position did not result in great cost to the department. Because of my prior K9 handling I was already trained and experienced in this area. All costs of Joker's kennel and a majority of his feed has been absorbed by me as I already had kennels and feed costs for the hounds I raise and train.

While taking on the added responsibility of K9 handler, I have continued in my Civil position. I have maintained an "exceeds standards" evaluation and have had little to no drop in service rates. I would respectfully request to remain in my Civil position. Remaining in this position with release from K9 would alleviate the stress my family has been under and resolve the scheduling conflicts holding both positions have created. With anticipated increased activities of my sons

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and the fluctuating schedule of my wife's position, I see no immediate change to make things easier.

The position of K9 handler requires more time than I presently have available to me and my family should not have to sacrifice as much as they do to make it possible for me to keep this position. I therefore request release from being Joker's handler.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request. I will continue to give my best to my Civil position as I continue my career with VCSO.

Coc:

Sheriff Ben F. Johnson

Chief Deputy W. Lee

Major Robert Jones

Captain W.R. Norris

Captain Dana White

Lt. Tim Quigley

Sergeant Joseph Bryant

Sergeant David MacDonald

Deputy Tim McGuire

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