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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Sheriff's Office Mourns the Loss of K-9 Major**

**(Paulding County, GA) The Paulding County Sheriff's Office mourns the loss of K-9 Major who passed away on Monday February 6, 2023. K-9 Major, who would have been 16 years old in April, began his service with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office in September 2009 and retired from service in September 2018. K-9 Major was a dual purpose law enforcement canine who was trained in patrol functions and narcotics detection. Although K-9 Major had been retired for nearly five years, he was beloved by many at the Sheriff's Office.**

**Throughout the course of his career, K-9 Major was responsible for numerous felony apprehensions and many narcotics seizures. K-9 Major will be remembered for his relentless drive and his unwavering desire to find narcotics, "bad guys", and the love and praise of his handler. K-9 Major was handled by Major Billy Hurst for the entirety of his career. Sheriff Gary Gullede stated, "Major and Billy were a great team and a true asset to Paulding County. Major was one of the most fun, and strongest dogs I ever had the privilege to work along side. Law Enforcement canines live their lives to serve the communities they work for, K-9 Major was the epitome of this. He will be sorely missed by us all." K-9 Major passed away peacefully with those that loved him most by his side. His name, along with his birth year and death year will be inscribe on the K-9 Memorial in front of the Sheriff's Office. K-9 Major's legacy will live forever on the Paulding County Sheriff's Office K-9 Memorial.**

**Please keep the Sheriff's Office and the law enforcement K-9 community in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.**