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Sheriff's Office Mourns the Loss of K-9 Chico

(Paulding County, GA) The Paulding County Sheriff's Office mourns the loss of K-9 Chico who passed away on Wednesday July 22, 2015. K-9 Chico, who was 15 years old, began his service with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office in February 2002 and retired in September 2009. K-9 Chico was a dual purpose law enforcement canine who was trained in patrol and narcotics detection. Although K-9 Chico had been retired for nearly six years, he was beloved by many at the Sheriff's Office.

Throughout the course of his career, K-9 Chico was responsible for numerous felony apprehensions and many narcotics seizures. K-9 Chico will be remembered for his relentless drive and his unwavering desire to find narcotics and "bad guys". Sergeant Billy Hurst, who is the K-9 Unit supervisor and was K-9 Chico's handler, stated, "Although he has been retired for such a long time, the loss of my partner has resurfaced many memories that I thought I had forgotten; "knuckle-head" as he was sometimes affectionately known, will be sorely missed". K-9 Chico appeared to have passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in his kennel. He will be laid to rest behind the Sheriff's Office in the K-9 Memorial area where K-9 Basco and K-9 Rudi are also buried.

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