



City of Greenville Police Department

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In 2008, a six-year-old Dutch Shepard named Nemo joined the Greenville Police Department as a K9 and was assigned to Officer Derek Loftis. During his years of service, Nemo was a vital part of the Greenville Police Department and was credited with hundreds of arrests. His largest arrest led to millions of dollars in cash being seized, and over a million dollars in drugs being removed from the streets.

In early 2013, Nemo developed cancer. While the medical treatment he received was successful, Nemo was retired from the Greenville Police Department on September 24, 2013, and went to live with Officer Loftis as a family pet.

Sadly, over the past several weeks, Nemo's health has gone downhill, and it appears that the cancer has not only returned, but is also far more aggressive. After putting it off as long as possible, Officer Loftis has made the difficult decision to have Nemo euthanized so that he does not suffer any more than he already has. The procedure is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Foothills Veterinary Hospital.

In honor of Nemo's service to the Greenville Police Department, the community and his partner, the K9 Division will meet at LEC in the morning and all of them will ride to the clinic together. Nemo will then have his last walk past all of the current K9 handlers and dogs, who will line up outside the clinic to say their final goodbyes.

At 13, Nemo has lived a long life, and will be greatly missed by Officer Loftis and the entire Greenville Police Department family.



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