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MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff John D. Idleburg Introduces Canine Ryker

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is pleased to introduce Canine Ryker as the newest member of the organization.

Canine Ryker is a two-year-old German Shepherd who will be assigned to Deputy Craig Somerville, a veteran canine handler who lost his partner, Canine Diesel, to an aggressive form of cancer.

Canine Ryker and Deputy Somerville recently finished their basic training consisting of canine psychology, obedience, agility, tracking, scent detection, and more. Canine Ryker and Deputy Somerville are currently deployed as a two-deputy unit on afternoon shift.

Canine Ryker will join sheriff's canines Dax, Duke, Danno, and Boomer. The sheriff's canines are deployed hundreds of times a year to look for missing endangered people, search for individuals who fled from a crime, detected drugs being trafficked, and other various situations. They frequently assist other Lake County law-enforcement agencies. The canine teams also commonly appear at community events, at school presentations, and neighborhood gatherings.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "We will always remember Canine Diesel, who will hold a very special place in our hearts and the hearts of the Lake County Community. While we know Canine Diesel can never be replaced, we know Canine Ryker will have a very successful career being partnered with Deputy Somerville who is a terrific canine handler. I continually hear from the community how much they value our canines, and we are striving to have the most robust canine program in the region."

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