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Passing of Retired K-9 Roni

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit regrettably announces the passing of retired K-9 Roni. K-9 Roni was a patrol K-9 who served the citizens of St. Mary's County from April 2000 to April 2007. Corporal Douglas Mills handled K-9 Roni for his first four years of service and Corporal Todd Fleenor for his last three years of service. K-9 Roni was responsible for over 30 patrol apprehensions. Notable deployments were the apprehension of a carjacking suspect who led police on a high-speed chase in March of 2005, and the tracking and apprehension of a suspect involved in the armed robberies of the Arby's and Burger King restaurants in February of 2006.

The Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit would like to thank the following individuals for their continued support of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit: Dr. Pilkerton and the staff at Three Notch Veterinary Hospital in Hollywood who cared for Roni as well as the other K-9's assigned to the unit. Ms. Margit Miller, who continuously donates funding to purchase much needed K-9 equipment; Ms. Jeannie Ealsy, who donated monies to purchase a K-9 bullet/stab resistant vest; and Ms. Emily Howe, who raised money through the Vet-A-Dog program to donate four K-9 bullet/stab resistant vests. The donations from and assistance of these individuals greatly enhance the capabilities and proficiency of the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, which aids the unit's ability to keep the citizens of St. Mary's County safe.

