

‘Thor,’ K-9 previously partnered with fallen New Bedford native Officer Gannon, passes away

A police K9 that was previously handled by a fallen Massachusetts officer has died.

The Yarmouth Police Department expressed their sadness in reporting the passing of retired Yarmouth PD K9 Thor. K9 Thor was the first YPD dedicated narcotics K9 and Sgt. Sean Gannon’s first K9.

Gannon was shot and killed attempting to serve an arrest warrant for a probation violation.

According to Yarmouth Police, Thor was one of a litter of 13 and was rescued from a Quincy animal shelter. Thor and Sgt. Gannon worked together to take countless amounts of drugs off the street. Thor and Sgt. Gannon were always a crowd favorite at K9 events, schools, and anywhere they could engage with members of the community.

Thor retired young in 2017 because of the legalization of marijuana which he was trained to detect.

Thor and his engaging demeanor lived the rest of his life under the care and love of Sean and Dara Gannon until his suffering ended Thursday.

YPD extended their condolences to the Gannon family.

“He passed in peace in the presence of Dara and Denise Gannon as well as Kathy and Dean Bryan. The Gannon family has lost yet another beautiful piece of their family. YPD wishes them strength and resilience through this very personal loss.”



Yarmouth Police Department photo.