## Massachusetts State Police mourn passing of K9 "Cayman"

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of retired Massachusetts State Police K9 Cayman. A brave and loyal member of our MSP family who spent his working life protecting the people of our state, Cayman crossed the Rainbow Bridge today. His longtime handler, who wishes to not use his name because he wants today to be only about his boy, wrote the following tribute to his partner.

Earlier this beautiful September morning, retired State Police K-9 Cayman died peacefully in my arms. So ended the eventful life of the finest dog I'll ever know. Cayman represented everything we ever hope for and admire in a police dog, and more. Always, he was faithful, driven and courageous, enjoying many successes.

But even beyond that, Cayman was always extraordinarily loving and stable while off-duty and in retirement. Gentle with children and the elderly, always deferential to my female dogs here (his girls), Cayman was a rare, once-in-a-lifetime dog.

I've truly enjoyed our years together. He lived for me; his eyes never left me. He was so special. He will be in my heart and in my thoughts right up until the moment I too draw my last breath one day.

RIP Cayman. Free time. Good job." -Massachusetts State Police.