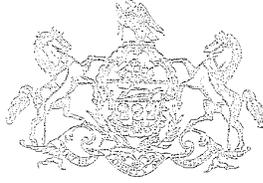


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Sheriff's Office Mourns Loss of Magnum

Cumberland County, PA - The Cumberland County Sheriff's office is mourning the passing of K9 Magnum, one of its Deputies. Magnum passed away Friday, June 16 after an inoperable mass was found in his abdomen.

"That morning I played some tennis ball with him," said Deputy Ron Hoover, who was Magnum's partner. "He didn't show any pain. He was his playful self."

Magnum had been under treatment for a small tumor when his health suddenly turned over the last few days. On Wednesday, June 14, he was taken to the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital in Philadelphia, where it was discovered the mass in his abdomen had quickly grown and was now attached to several of his internal organs.

"He never showed any signs of distress," Hoover said. "He was a hard charging guy."

Magnum could be seen searching the County's court rooms each morning, assisting at VIP events, responding to bomb threats and supporting local law enforcement when suspicious packages were found. He also often represented the Office at many community events.

"He was extremely social," said Sheriff Ronny Anderson. "Here with the County employees, with kids, really just about anybody."

Magnum, a black German Shepard, joined the Sheriff's Office in October 2013. He was a tracking and explosive detection dog (EDD) for the Office. Magnum was one of only nine EDDs in the eight county region and was one of only two in Cumberland County. He was named in honor of the beloved German Shepherd of Private First Class Brandon Styer, a Combat Engineer assigned to the 569th Mobility

Augmentation Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. PFC Styer, a south central Pennsylvania native, was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.

Magnum was six years old at the time of his passing. The Sheriff's Office is planning to have him cremated and will hold a memorial service in the near future. Details of the service will be made available once finalized.

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