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To: Andrey Melkonyan

From: Sergeant Mark Bledsoe

Ref: K-9 Sly – Retirement and Adoption Request

Date: 05/14/2026

I am respectfully requesting the official retirement of K-9 Sly, who has served the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office with dedication for over six years. Sly, a fully trained patrol and detection K-9, has been an invaluable asset to the Sheriff's Office and has contributed significantly to the success of MCSO and the safety of Mecklenburg County residents.

K-9 Sly was originally partnered with Sgt. Bledsoe in 2020 and was later reassigned to Deputy Erve Boileau in 2024. Since that time, Sly has become a true member of the Boileau family and is greatly cherished. Deputy Boileau has formally requested to adopt Sly upon his retirement, ensuring he will continue to receive care and stability.

Sly is now eight years old and has begun to show natural signs of aging and slowing down. His age and health are beginning to affect his ability to perform at the level required for service. After years of loyal, dependable work, it is appropriate and in his best interest to transition into retirement, with his last working day being July 7th.

For these reasons, I am requesting the Board's approval for K-9 Sly's official retirement, allowing him to enjoy a peaceful and comfortable life with the Boileau family for the remainder of his years.

Sergeant M. Bledsoe K9 Supervisor

cc: Sheriff Garry McFadden

cc: Chief Ricky Robbins

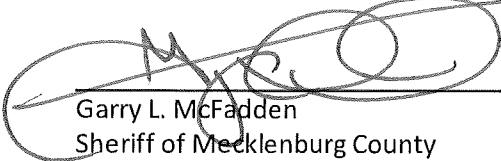
cc Major Shaketia Barnes

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR  
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE**

Retiring Canine Officer Sly, a member of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) canine force, is of retirement age and no longer useful for law enforcement purposes. Due to his specialized training, Canine Officer Sly is a danger to public health and safety if adopted by or sold to a member of the general public who is unfamiliar with Canine Officer Sly's law enforcement training. Therefore, Canine Officer Sly is of no economic value to Mecklenburg County, NC (the "County"). Pursuant to a Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution adopted on September 15, 2009, ownership and possession of Canine Officer Sly is hereby transferred to MCSO Deputy Erve Boileau in consideration of his agreement to the following conditions:

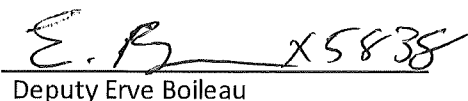
1. Deputy Boileau assumes full responsibility for Sly's welfare, including but not limited to providing adequate shelter, food, grooming and veterinary care; and
2. Deputy Boileau hereby acknowledges that he is aware of the general background, training and utilization of Canine Officer Sly by MCSO and, being so informed, is fully cognizant of any and all risks associated with assuming ownership and possession of Canine Officer Sly. Deputy Boileau does hereby release, forever discharge and covenant not to sue MCSO or the County and all past, present and future employees, elected and appointed officials, contractors, agents and representatives of MCSO and/or the County as a result of any actions of Canine Officer Sly or arising out of or attributable to Canine Officer Sly's physical and mental condition or training.
3. Deputy Boileau does hereby indemnify and hold harmless MCSO and the County from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes of action, liabilities judgments, costs and expenses (including legal costs and attorneys' fees) arising from or related in any way to the ownership, possession, use, condition, actions or activities of Canine Officer Sly, effective July 7, 2026.

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Garry L. McFadden  
Sheriff of Mecklenburg County

6.1.2026  
Date

**DEPUTY ERVE BOILEAU**

  
Deputy Erve Boileau

5/21/26  
Date