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TO:
Lieutenant Mark Brand
BOSO / Operational Support

SUBJECT:
Request to Retire Police Horse Paco

FROM:
Sergeant Joseph E. Eckhardt
BOSO/ Mounted Unit

This memorandum is requesting the retirement of Police Horse Paco. He has been suffering from soft tissue damage in his stifle (human knee equivalent) in his left hind leg. We have managed this issue for approximately two years now with therapy, injections, and pain management. In the last seven months he progressed to the point he was lame and unable to serve as a police mount. Due to his importance to the unit we attempted a strict rehab plan set up by Dr. Sara Pandilla. The physical therapy plan consisted of 24 hour turn out, and a rigorous 6 day a week rehab schedule. Despite our best efforts in this attempt we were unable to overcome the soft tissue damage in his stifle and on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 Dr. Sara Pandilla advised he was not going to be able to continue to serve as a police horse due to this injury. The ailment had progressed and he was now showing signs in his right stifle where he was compensating in his left.

John and Tammye Conatser own Carriage Lane Farms which is approximately a hundred acre horse farm located at 105 Barkley Est, Nicholasville, KY. They have agreed to accept responsibility for Paco's retirement and are capable horsemen. I have personally been at their facility and it is well maintained and ran efficiently. He will be well taken care of at this location.

It is my recommendation based on the aforementioned circumstances to retire Paco to this location.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

 Sergeant Joseph E. Eckhardt 37498