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<p>TO: Lieutenant Jeremy Brislin Bureau of Special Operations - Operational Support</p>	<p>SUBJECT: Canine Lexi Retirement Memorandum</p>
<p>FROM: Sergeant Steven Newton Bureau of Special Operations - Canine Unit</p>	

Lieutenant Brislin,

I am requesting the retirement of Canine Lexi (Inventory Tag No. 109711) for several reasons, including the lack of demonstrated handler protection capability, the canine's current age, and the reassignment of the current handler out of the unit.

Lexi has exhibited, on multiple occasions, a lack of workability and confidence that could potentially place officers in detrimental and hazardous situations during future deployments. Sergeant Gilliam and I have both personally observed these performance concerns and are in agreement that retirement of the canine is the most appropriate course of action. Additionally, the canine is approaching six years of age, and transitioning Lexi to a new handler could further impact confidence and performance. Assigning a new handler would likely require an estimated three- to six-month training period before the team could reasonably respond to calls for service, with no guarantee that the existing performance concerns would improve.

Based on these factors, it is recommended that Canine Lexi be retired with Officer Church. Officer Church has completed the required Release of Claims documentation associated with this request.