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Full Service Law Enforcement Canine Death

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office is sad to announce that Aaros, a five year old Belgian Tervuren, and our 1st Full Service Law Enforcement Canine has died in the line of duty today. Aaros and his handler, Deputy Sheriff Cody Benslay, were actively pursuing burglary suspects in a heavily wooded area of north Fayette County.

Aaros, who was born in 2005 in Holland and imported into the United States, began his service in Fayette County in November, 2008. Aaros was a strong performer and continued his pursuit without any sign of distress until he lost consciousness. Because of the remote location, HAWK 1 landed and transported Aaros to Fayette Veterinarian Medical Center. Unfortunately Aaros died while in transit.

All four suspects who were fleeing from Sheriff's Office personnel were taken into custody and further information on those arrests will be forthcoming.

Charges related to the death of Aaros are pending against the four suspects.