



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER


Agenda Number:

A-53

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: May 15, 2007  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown X 4290  
Director:   
Contact Info: Lt. Phil Willis X 5002

SUBJECT: Sale of Retired Sheriff's Canine

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve the transfer of ownership of Sheriff's canine, "Zeus", to Deputy Ken Rushing for the sum of One Dollar.

**Summary Text:**

Canine "Zeus" has served the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for nearly four years. Zeus has been assigned to, and working with, his partner Ken Rushing during this entire time.

Due to a recurring leg injury, we believe that retiring Zeus is in his best interest. Continued service would cause further damage and possibly render Zeus lame.

**Background:** The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the care and feeding of departmental canines. We are also liable for the actions of the canines. Once sold to the handler, these responsibilities rest with the new owner.

The handlers historically purchase retired canines. Deputy Rushing has expressed an interest in purchasing Zeus for one dollar.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No.

No change in programs or service levels. Other existing canine units will cover the beat vacated by the retirement of Zeus. Zeus will be replaced by another canine as the department is currently seeking donations to complete the purchase to include mandatory training. The department will return to the Board when the donations are received for authorization to purchase an additional canine. Until the replacement dog is received, some savings related to lower food purchases and vet visits will be realized. The total will be less than \$1,000.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of minute order to Sheriff's Department Att: Lt. Phil Willis

**Attachments:** None

**Authored by:**

Phil Willis, Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department, Ext. 5002

**cc:**