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### **K9 Officer Severely Bitten Forced To Shoot K9 Partner**

Today, Saturday September 1, 2018, at 8:58 a.m., Officer Brian Carter was training with his K9 partner Benzi at the Columbus Division of Police K9 office at 2609 McKinley Avenue. Officer Carter was correcting Benzi's behavior through verbal commands when the K9 attacked him.

Officer Carter received serious bites to his arms. He then fired upon the K9.

A tourniquet was applied to Officer Carter who was transported to Grant Hospital in stable condition. He underwent surgery this afternoon. Benzi was transported to MedVet where he was humanely euthanized.

Officer Carter has been in CPD's K9 Unit since 2008. Benzi is his second K9 partner.

Benzi was a 3.5 years old Belgian Malinois. He had been in service for 2 years with the Columbus Division of Police.

Sgt. Mark Cartwright, supervisor over the Columbus Division of Police K9 Unit, says this is the first time a Columbus Police K9 officer has shot a K9 partner.

An investigation into this case is underway by the Columbus Police Special Services Bureau.

\*Due to the holiday weekend, no interviews will occur until Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

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