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Police K-9 Jack Reassigned new Handler

**Salisbury, North Carolina, November 3** - Salisbury Police Chief Rory Collins has announced the reassignment of K-9 “Jack” to a new handler within the police department. Jack was introduced and assigned to Officer Joseph Martinez on Friday, October 31. The reassignment was necessary due to Jack’s previous handler leaving his position with Salisbury Police.

The reassignment of Police K9s to a new handler when needed has been handled in the past as a routine matter, but Chief Collins wanted the public to be part of the new partnership due to unfounded and incorrect claims that Jack was being mistreated since his previous handler left the department.

“Nothing could be further from the truth,” says Chief Collins. “Our K9 Jack is a healthy, happy eight year-old that acts like a dog much younger. He has many good years left before he is retired.”

K9 Jack has been with the department for six years. He is certified in numerous areas and will receive an additional six to eight weeks specialized training with his new handler. He is reassigned to Officer Martinez effective immediately and will be living with the Martinez family at their home.

Chief Collins adds that K9 Jack has been tended to properly since his previous handler left the department, including regular exercise and interaction with officers. He has recently been seen by a veterinarian and has been deemed to be in great physical condition and ready to continue serving the department and public.

To view video footage of Officer Martinez and K-9 Jack, visit <https://vimeo.com/110609512>

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