

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Sidearm Request – To the family of Sergeant John Russell

ATTACHMENT(S): Letter from Sheriff Davis

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service sidearm of Sergeant John Russell, who recently passed away while employed with the Sheriff's Department, be presented to his family.

Sergeant Russell was an exemplary law enforcement officer as well as employee. He began his career as a Telecommunicator on August 4, 1986. On August 28, 1989 he was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff and filled a patrol position. Sergeant Russell reached the position of Lieutenant on March 6, 1995. The Sheriff's Office requests that to honor him and his exemplary service to the agency, Henderson County and the citizens of the community, they be allowed to present to his family the service firearm that he carried while on duty.

Sergeant Russell's service to the people of Henderson County is greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Sheriff Davis makes this request on behalf of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to allow Sheriff Rick Davis and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present the service sidearm of Sergeant John Russell to his family.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board allow Sheriff Rick Davis and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present the service sidearm of Sergeant John Russell to his family.

RICHARD W. DAVIS
SHERIFF



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HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

February 15, 2010

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Bill Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Commissioners
100 North King Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Reference: Sergeant John Russell - Sidearm

Dear Commissioner Moyer,

Sergeant John Gregory Russell recently passed away after a year long battle with a brain tumor. For many years he has served the Henderson County Sheriff's Office with pride and dedication. John was an exemplary law enforcement officer, as well as employee. He began his career with us on August 4, 1986 as a Telecommunicator. On August 28, 1989, he was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff and filled a patrol position. John continued to move up in rank and reached the position of Lieutenant on March 6, 1995. Although he left the agency for a period of time, John's heart remained in the law enforcement field. He returned to our agency and supervised a patrol squad as Sergeant. Sergeant John Russell has been a true asset to the Sheriff's Office, his fellow employees and the citizens of our county through his many years of self-sacrifice and dedication. To honor him and show our gratitude to his family, I would like to present his service weapon to his family. I would like to request your consideration in this matter. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RWD".

Rick W. Davis
Sheriff, Henderson County

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