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On Thursday, June 27, 2019 at approximately 10:10 pm, Marion Police Department K9 Units were conducting routine criminal apprehension and fence jumping exercises. The exercises were taking place at the Marion Police Athletic league on one of the baseball diamond outfield fences.

K9 Assuan failed to negotiate a jump at high speed and hit his head on the top rail of the fence and suffered a traumatic brain injury.

K9 Unit veterinarian, Noel Ratliff, D.V.M. happened to be attending the training at the time and rendered immediate medical attention. Assuan was transported to Comfort Veterinary Hospital but never regained consciousness. Despite all medical aid efforts, K9 Assuan did not survive and was pronounced deceased at 10:38 pm.

Please join the Marion Police Department in offering support to Officer James Meyerchick for his loss. Assuan, a Belgian Malinois, had been with the Marion Police Department for 5 years.

Assuan will be cremated and turned over to Officer Meyerchick.

Submitted by:
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