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> Department of Corrections K-9 Officer Found Deceased at USCF Utah Department of Public Safety is investigating the circumstances of the death

Loki – an 8-year-old Belgian Malinois and Utah Department of Corrections K9 officer – was found deceased in a K9 vehicle at the Utah State Correctional Facility (USCF) on Thursday evening.

"We are heartbroken by the loss of Loki, who served this department faithfully for six years," said Executive Director, Brian Redd. "We are mourning along with all of our staff, and at the same time we are committed to fully investigating the circumstances of Loki's passing."

The specific circumstances of the death are not clear at this time.

The Utah Department of Corrections has asked the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) to investigate the incident. The Department of Public Safety can be contacted for any inquiries specific to the case.

Loki began working with the Department's K9 unit in 2017. He was one of seven K9s in the department that assist at both USCF and Central Utah Correctional Facility with drug detection, fugitive apprehension, facility security and emergency response.

Utah State Correctional Facility is located in Salt Lake City and houses approximately 2,600 male and female incarcerated individuals.

(Photo attached)

