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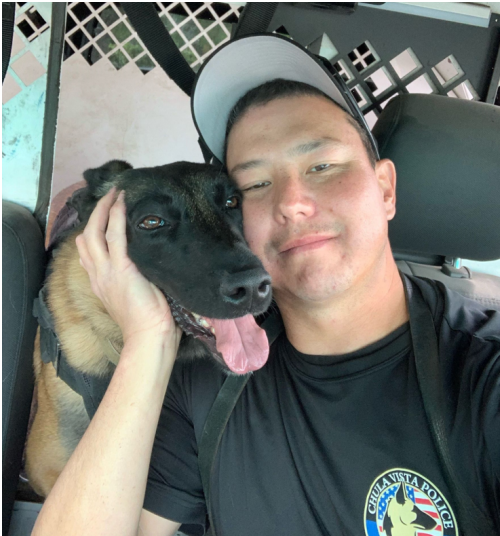
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The Chula Vista Police Department is saddened to report the loss of one of its brave and loving K9 heroes, Ranger. On Saturday, June 25th, Ranger passed away unexpectedly at the age of 4.

Ranger, a Belgian Malinois, began his police service when he was sworn in with the department in November 2020. He was a courageous K9 who kept his police partners and the community he served safe every day that he worked. Ranger's handler, Police Agent Gen Murofushi said Ranger loved doing his job. "He was the happiest dog I ever had, and he absolutely loved me and my family. My life and my family's life was blessed to have had him in it. He is and will be missed," said Agent Murofushi.

On Saturday morning, Agent Murofushi was joined by members of the Chula Vista and National City Police K9 teams in final farewells as Ranger was taken to the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. An American flag was draped over him in honor of his service. Chief Roxana Kennedy said, "Although we will miss him, Ranger will never be forgotten and will always be a part of our Chula Vista Police Department family."

K9s and their handlers train and operate in very serious and often dangerous environments. The K9s bond with their handlers and integrate into their lives and families, becoming another member of the home. The Chula Vista Police Department would like to thank those who have already reached out with encouragement and support via email and social media platforms.





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