



## **CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Crystal Police Department seeks community assistance in identifying suspect that attempted to harm K9 Officer Rocco**

On September 20th, 2014 between the hours of 0140 and 0222 hours, an individual entered the parking lot of the Crystal Police Department and threw a large brick through the back window of the department's K9 squad. At the time, K9 Officer Rocco was seated in the backseat of the squad.

Video surveillance of the incident shows the unknown suspect enter the police department parking lot from the northeast corner and walk westbound towards the K9 squad car. The suspect approached the K9 vehicle quickly and threw the brick smashing out the back window of the squad car. The suspect then turned around running eastbound towards the east side of the police department on Douglas Drive. The 40 pound brick appears to have been carried from a close proximity to the incident.

Rocco was taken to the veterinarian for further examination and appears to be uninjured. Rocco is the Crystal Police Departments first K-9 Officer. He has been a member of our department since May of 2013. Rocco serves a valuable role in our community preventing injury to our officers by searching buildings and apprehending offenders.

The Crystal Police Department is seeking the assistance of the public in locating the offender in this incident and the Crystal Crime Prevention Fund is offering a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. The department takes this assault and threat to Rocco as a high priority. Because of the nature of the incident, the department believes the suspect has a previous history or willingness to hurt others.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Crystal Police Department at 763-531-1020.