

Affidavit of Jim DeCamp Jr.

State of Ohio

SS.

County of Clermont

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Jim DeCamp Jr., who makes the following statement and affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge:

1. My name is Jim DeCamp Jr., and I currently reside at Denny Drive, Amelia, Ohio 45102 in Clermont County.
2. I spent 25 years in law enforcement, 15 as a handler of two different dogs. For seven years I was a Corporal in charge of the training, record keeping and day to day functions of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office K9's. During this time I have attended many courses as they relate to Police K9, case law and tactics. I founded a training school, Clermont County Canine, to train dogs for Departments in compliance with the training standards set for by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. I have testified several times regarding the use of my K9's in cases ranging from Homicides to Minor Misdemeanors and I thought I had a good understanding of K9 case law and how a dog works.
3. This changed in 2009 when I met Mr. Papet. I immediately began learning from Mr. Papet on issues ranging from case law, training methods, K9 behaviors and more. Every time I worked with Mr. Papet we discussed various aspects of Police K9 work. I quickly realized that I did not know as much as I thought that I did. During my 21 years at the Clermont County Sheriff's Office in the K9 unit, I met hundreds of other handlers from around the area. Not one of them has the knowledge that Mr. Papet possesses as it relates to Police K9, case law and the way a dog works. Mr. Papet taught me that it is not only important to understand why a Police Officer is allowed to do something with his or her K9 but to understand why they are not allowed to do things as well. Mr. Papet trained me that if I did not know why my dog acted in a certain way that it was my duty to investigate it and conduct experiments if needed to understand. After working with Mr. Papet I quickly saw some of the errors I had made over the years when working my dogs. Based on this I changed some aspects as to how the Deputies under my command trained, handled their dogs and completed their reports. While it is true Mr. Papet has never been a Law Enforcement Officer I can tell you he is 100% for the use of a properly trained and deployed K9. The key is that the training and use of the K9 must be in accordance with

reliability and current case law. As the Police K9 is a very valuable investigative tool it must be used appropriately. I can say with complete certainty that there is no-one's opinion I value and respect more than that of Mr. Papet as it relates to the proper training and use of a Police K9.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Ohio that the foregoing is true and correct.

_____ Date: _____
(Affiant's signature)

Notary Public

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CLERMONT

On this the 21st day of December 2018, the foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by **Jim DeCamp Jr.**, known or proven to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Print Name)

_____ [seal]
(Signature)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____