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## For Immediate Release Department of Correction's K9team Featured in the Memorial Section of the 2023 Vested Interest in K9s Calendar

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Department of Correction Lieutenant Illidio Rodrigues and his former K9 partner, Rikki Bobby are featured in the Memorial Section of the 2023 Vested Interest in K9s Calendar.

Each year, 12 Law Enforcement K9s who are recipients of vests provided by the nationwide nonprofit organization, Vested Interest in K9s are highlighted in the publication along with a memorial page paying tribute to the four-legged heroes who have passed.

Calendars are available for purchase online for \$18 via the Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. website at www.vik9s.org.



Lieutenant Ilidio Rodrigues with former K9 Partner Rikki Bobby. Kim Carino Photography

For additional information or mail orders contact 508-824-6978. All proceeds from the 2023 calendars will be used to provide equipment and services for law enforcement K9s nationwide.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has donated over 4,900 bullet and stab protective vests to law enforcement K9s in all 50 states at a value of over \$6.9 million dollars.