



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **SHERIFF**



PRESS RELEASE

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Paulding, Ohio—On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at 3:19 p.m., deputies assisted the Paulding Police Department with an assault with a knife at the Marathon Gas Station on North Williams Street, Paulding.

As law enforcement arrived, one of the participants of the altercation fled the scene in his vehicle, and it was reported he still had a knife. Deputies pursued the vehicle occupied by one male. The pursuit ended several blocks away at the intersection of North Cherry Street and West George Street. The driver of the vehicle, Marquis A. Goings, Sr., age 63, from Latty, Ohio exited his vehicle and charged toward a deputy in a fighting manner. A second deputy took Goings to the ground attempting to take him into custody. Simultaneously, the initial deputy, a K-9 handler, had released his K-9 partner from the vehicle. The K-9 engaged Goings by biting the back of his thigh. Deputies were able to gain control over Goings. During the apprehension of Goings, Deputy Nicholas Cunningham, age 24, was bit by the K-9. Mr. Goings and Deputy Cunningham were treated for their injuries at a local hospital.

“After briefing with my staff and the police department, it appears this outcome could have been much worse. Anytime there is a vehicle pursuit it is extremely dangerous,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. “I am grateful all law enforcement and innocent bystanders will be going home safe tonight. Nick will heal from his injuries, as will Mr. Goings.”

The Sheriff's Office and Paulding Police Department will work together with the Prosecutor's Office to determine the criminal charges appropriate after this investigation is complete. Alcohol or drugs is suspected to be a contributing factor in this case.

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