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Tanner receives bulletproof vest



Cocke County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Pat Taylor, at right, officially presented K-9 Deputy Johnny Black, at left, and Tanner with Tanner's sheriff's badge and bulletproof vest at the courthouse on Friday. ©2004 NPT PHOTO By STEVE BLANCHETT

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NEWPORT—Cocke County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Pat Taylor officially presented K-9 Deputy Tanner and his handler, Deputy Johnny Black, with Tanner's bullet-proof vest and sheriff's



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badge on Friday.

Tanner, who is 20 months old, is the tracking/attack dog for the sheriff's department and has been used in several different situations resulting in evidence or capture since becoming a member of the department.

Black said he wanted to thank Sheriff D. C. Ramsey and Taylor for their support of the K-9 program.

"Tanner is very important to the department and the safety of this community and without their support, this program would not be possible," said Black.

Black said the badge was purchased from funds donated by Douglas Lodge #14 Fraternal Order of Police and the bulletproof vest was purchased with funds donated from Cocke County High School and private donors.

"I want to thank all of them for their assistance in helping to protect Tanner while he is working to protect them," said Black.

Taylor said the Sheriff and his department would utilize every means at its disposal to protect and keep the citizens of Cocke County safe.



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