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### **NDHP K-9 Fia Retires**

On May 31, 2022, the ND Highway Patrol (NDHP) celebrated the career of K-9 Fia and her handler, Trooper Kristjan Helgoe. Trooper Helgoe and K-9 Fia were stationed in Fargo. K-9 Fia entered service in May 2014 and served for eight distinguished years with the NDHP. K-9 Fia is retiring, but Trooper Helgoe will continue his service to the citizens of North Dakota as a traffic enforcement trooper in Fargo.

Over her eight-year career, K-9 Fia was involved in the following:

- 200+ narcotic deployments
- Her work led to 79 felony and 217 misdemeanor drug arrests
- She located methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, MDMA, marijuana, THC products, fentanyl, LSD, various types of prescription pills and firearms
- Her largest seizure was a stop where 32 lbs. of methamphetamine and 35 lbs. of marijuana was located.

Congratulations to Fia on her well-deserved retirement.

Below is a picture of Trooper Helgoe and K-9 Fia.



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