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CIRCUMSTANCES:

As many of us are coping with the COVID-19 crisis for the last couple of weeks, it is important that tomorrow, March 19, 2020 at 11:51 hours we stop and take a minute or two of silence to honor Deputy Ricky DelFiorentino. Six years ago, at approximately 11:51 hours, Deputy DelFiorentino was ambushed when he located a suspect who was on a crime spree from Oregon to Fort Bragg. Deputy DelFiorentino located the suspect vehicle near Ward Ave. As he parked his patrol car to find the suspect, he was shot to death while beginning to exit his patrol car by the suspect who was hiding in the brush.

Deputy DelFiorentino was a 26-year veteran of both the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Bragg Police Department. Deputy DelFiorentino was a devoted father, husband, son, and brother. Most of all, he was devoted to the Fort Bragg community; he dedicated his life to secure the safety of this community. It is not uncommon to hear members of our community speak about this great man and how he was such a likeable person. "He was approachable, addressed our concerns, sympathetic to our needs" the list is long.

Deputy DelFiorentino loved his entire family, but he also gave back to the youth of the community. He was a key supporter of the Police Activities League (PAL) program. It was not uncommon to see him cooking hot dogs or cleaning fish at the PAL fishing clinic. He was also an avid wrestler back in his younger days. He was a wrestling coach at the Fort Bragg schools, a mentor to those youth in need or support. Overall he was just a plain likeable person who is greatly missed by his wife, children, parents, brothers, sister and the entire community.

Deputy Ricky DelFiorentino, thank you for your honorable, dedicated service. You are truly missed. 2 Adam 60 was his police radio call sign. 2 Adam 60, 10-10 (radio sign for off-duty), Thank You for your sacrifice "Ricky D".

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