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Reed Mahuna, Interim Police Chief
Hawai'i Police Department

Dear Chief Mahuna:

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) regarding the recent tragic death of Hawai'i Police Department K-9 Archer in a hot police car. Please accept our condolences during this difficult time.

We hope this incident will serve as a reminder that every vehicle used to transport a dog should be equipped with a temperature-monitoring heat-alert [alarm system](#) that's inspected and tested regularly to ensure that it's installed and operated according to manufacturers' standards and remains fully functioning at all times. We strongly recommend implementing and enforcing standard operating procedures that prevent animals from being left unattended in vehicles. If that's not possible, we suggest discontinuing the use of dogs altogether.

Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do to keep your community safe.

Most respectfully,



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