

A black dog, possibly a Labrador Retriever, is sitting in a field of tall, green grass. The dog is looking directly at the camera with its mouth slightly open, showing its pink tongue. It is wearing a purple collar with a silver metal clasp. In the background, there is a body of water under a clear blue sky.

FJI:

The first six months

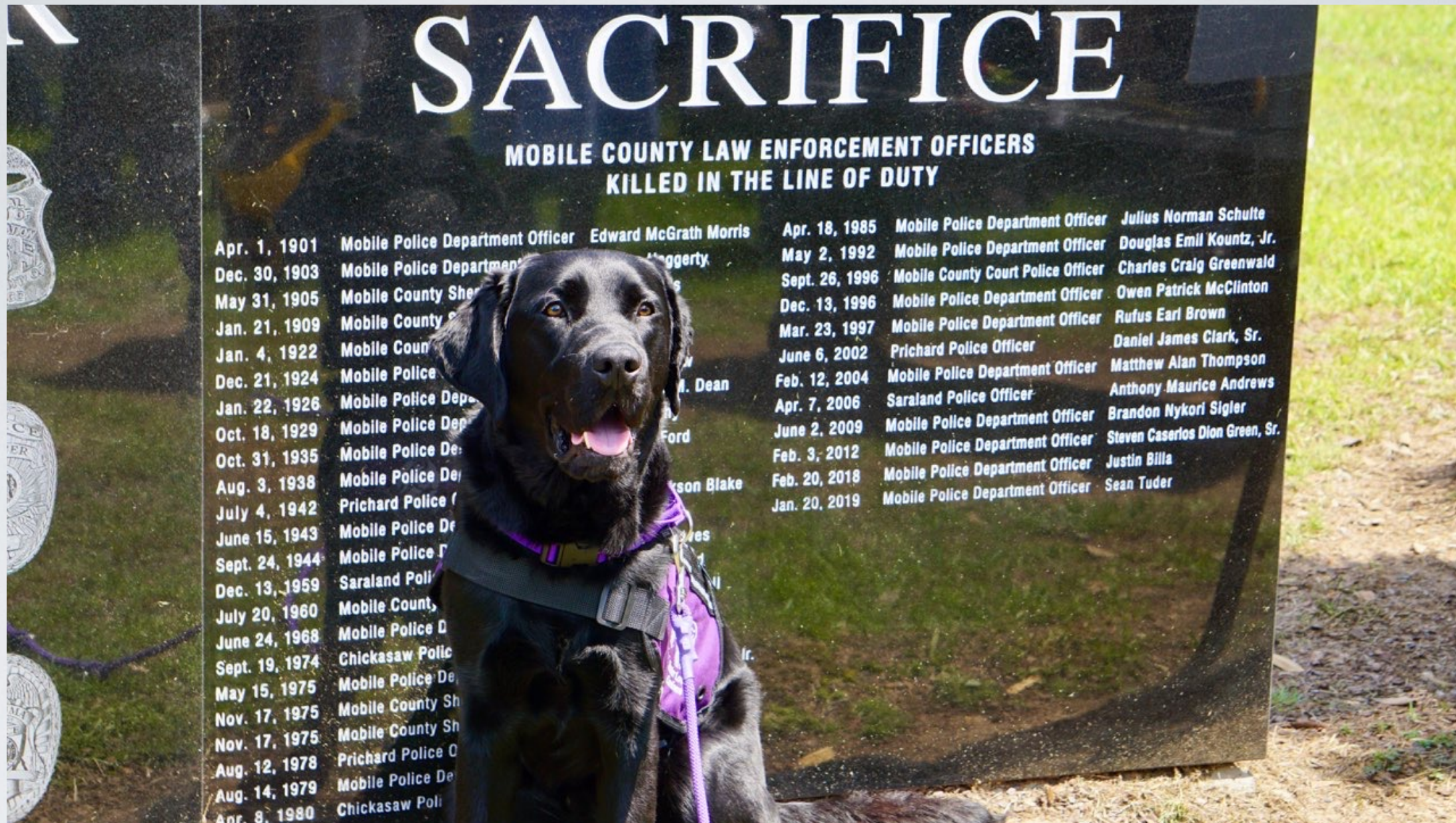


Louie
Orion
Jasmine
Maui
NICOLE
Fiji
Otto
Ariel

My name is Fiji. I grew up in Mule Creek State Penitentiary in California. There, GDA/TLC taught me to be a Facility Dog; which is a special type of service dog. Instead of helping one person, I get to help anyone who needs me that comes to my facility. My facility is the Mobile County District Attorney's Office / Mobile County courthouse. I hope you enjoy this look at my first 6 months on the job.

THE FIRST DAY
OF WORK AT
MY NEW
FACILITY





The annual Law Enforcement Memorial was my first public appearance. I posed for lots of pictures for the media.

MOBILE COUNTY

Mobile County District Attorney's Office new facility dog will help victims of crime

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MOBILE, Ala. ([WKRG](#)) — The Mobile County District Attorney's Office has a new employee who is trained specifically to help victims of crime as they go through the court system.

The employee – has four paws and his name is Fiji!

3-DAY FORECAST

WED	THU	FRI
72°	74°	78°
54°	58°	39°

THEN I HAD A SEGMENT ON A LOCAL TV STATION:
<https://www.wkrg.com/mobile-county/mobile-county-district-attorneys-office-new-facility-dog-will-help-victims-of-crime/>





I HAVE A NEW BROTHER, MAC, AND SISTER, MOLLY. ONE OF THEM TRIED TO BLAME ME FOR GETTING INTO THE STUFFED ANIMALS.



I MET OTHER FACILITY DOGS AT THE
ALA. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASSOC. SUMMER
CONFERENCE.

WE SPOKE AT
THE ALABAMA
JUDICIAL
SYSTEM'S
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE.



HELPING MY FIRST
CHILD VICTIM
PREPARE FOR
TRIAL. THE
DEFENDANT PLED
GUILTY WHEN HE
SAW SHE WAS
PREPARED TO
TESTIFY.



WATCHING ONE OF
MY GIRLS PLAY
VOLLEYBALL



I get to work with
victims before,
during, and after
they testify before the
Grand Jury.





I also get to work with victims during trial. The defendant in this case, like many others, pled guilty the morning of trial when he realized that my new friend was ready to testify against him.

I met Ms. Randolph at the Parole Board. Her son's murderer was up for parole. I was with her when she told the board why that bad man should not be released and while the board deliberated. When the board denied parole she insisted on taking pictures with me. This one's my favorite!





Helping another child victim prepare for trial

Ms. Norwood's daughter was murdered. I met her while the jury was deliberating. We bonded so quickly she asked me to come to court with her because the jury had reached a verdict. I was with her when the jury found the very bad man guilty of murdering her daughter.





Even Facility Dogs need to recharge

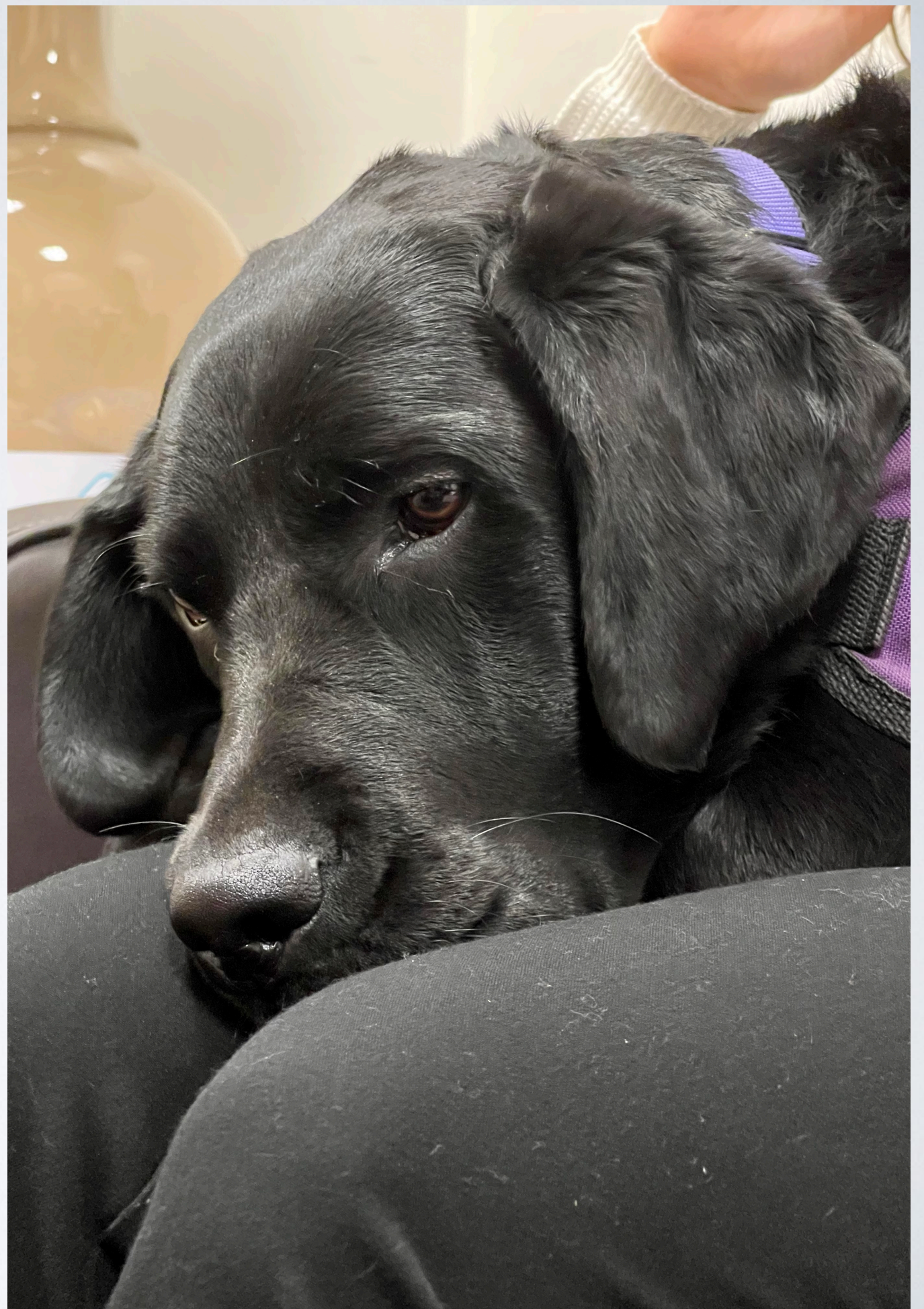


The Ala. Municipal Court conference in Gulf Shores
was just what I needed.

I made friends with
Mr. Gwyn Howard.
He displays these
flags outside the
courthouse everyday
at lunch. His group
provides escorts for
veteran's funerals.



Sometimes the jury
can't make a decision
and we have to try a
case all over again.
That's the worst!





Tragically, this happened right across the street from the courthouse and we were all sent home early.

The next day I
helped 18
coworkers return
to work.



“One of the biggest accomplishments of my tenure as District Attorney has been the arrival of Fiji. We are so honored to be chosen by GDA/TLC to host Fiji in our office to help our victims of crime. Fiji is amazing and we are honored to have him as part of our office to provide love and care to so many.”



-Ashley M. Rich
District Attorney
Mobile County, AL



THANK YOU
to everyone at GDA/TLC,
and especially to you, the
donors, for making it
possible for me to do this
important work!!!

