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Reference: Honorary Deputy Sworn-in by Sheriff Waybourn

On Monday, April 7, 2025, Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn had the honor of swearing in 13-year-old DJ Daniel as an honorary Tarrant County Sheriff's Deputy.

DJ was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer when he was only six years old and doctors gave him only months to live. He first became interested in law enforcement after police helped his family in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. He was inspired by his friend Abigail, a fellow childhood cancer patient, who was sworn in by the Supreme Court Police Department. DJ's original goal was 758 agencies in honor of Abigail's badge number, which he has far exceeded.

He has been honored by more than 900 departments around the country, including the United States Secret Service. DJ was prominently mentioned in President Donald Trump's address to Congress last month.

DJ now has a goal of setting a Guinness World Record of being sworn in by a thousand agencies. He hopes this effort also brings awareness to childhood cancer as well as supporting law enforcement across the U.S.

Only TCSO along with the Fort Worth Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety were granted permission to Swear DJ in on the Floor of the State House Chamber. This is a huge honor for our agencies who partner together in so many different ways.

TCSO is honored to have DJ join our ranks!

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