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## Norfolk County Sheriff's Office to Host Blood Drive in Honor of "The Mighty Quinn"

DEDHAM – The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office announced today that it will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Braintree Public Safety Complex to honor Quinn Waters, a five-year-old Weymouth boy known as "The Mighty Quinn" who is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy in his fight against brain cancer.

Quinn has spent most of his life battling brain cancer. Almost two years since his first brain cancer diagnosis, he and his family received the devastating news that the cancer had returned. Quinn had surgery on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> followed by six weeks of daily radiation treatments and chemotherapy.

Quinn's family is asking the community to consider donating blood and platelets, which are often in short supply and can significantly help patients battling cancer. The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Boston Children's Hospital to collect donations of blood and platelets from the public and NCSO staff.

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott encouraged people to make a donation. "I cannot think of a better way to honor the courage of Quinn and his family than by helping children fighting cancer through a donation of blood and platelets," he said. "I am praying for Quinn and his family and all of those who are fighting this terrible disease."

One adult donation can benefit up to four patients. All blood donations collected on Boston Children Hospital's bloodmobile drives are used for the care and treatment of Boston Children's patients.

"Blood drives in honor of patients are very special. Patients like Quinn represent the faces of our recipients, and blood and platelets are essential treatments for children receiving cancer care," said Cyndi MacKinlay, Bloodmobile Coordinator for Boston Children's Hospital. "The Blood Donor Center is grateful the bloodmobile can travel to Massachusetts community partners, like the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, as it provides people with a significant means of supporting these children. COVID has stopped many things in our lives, but the need for blood and platelets never stops."

The blood drive will take place on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 3pm at the Braintree Public Safety Complex at 2015 Washington Street in Braintree. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, pre-registration is required. To register for a donation time, visit <https://tinyurl.com/NCSOQuinn> and enter “NORSHERFB” as the Sponsor Code.

A separate drive will be held earlier in the week at the Norfolk County Jail in Dedham for NCSO staff.

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