

Good cop, bad dog: Texas K-9 is removed from service after biting two innocent bystanders in its first two weeks on the job

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- Rico began working with police in Bay City, Texas, on March 1
- Police say that he chased a woman that day and bit the woman's arm
- The K-9 then spent a week in remedial training, before a second incident
- Rico and his handler made a stop at a gas station on Monday
- He rushed out of the vehicle and bit a Jocelyn Amtower, who was getting coffee

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A K-9 with a Texas police department has been removed from service after the dog bit two women during his initial two weeks on the job.

Rico, a Belgian Malinois, began working with police in Bay City on March 1 - and bit a Bay City employee on his first day.

Lt. Irene Kjergaard explained to the station: 'There was a worker walking by she noticed Rico and took off running. 'The dog saw her, jumped over the handler and he chased her and bit her in the arm.



Rico (left) began working with police in Bay City on March 1 - and bit a Bay City employee on his start date. He later badly bit Jocelyn Amtower (right) on Monday

After the incident, Rico spent a week in remedial training.

Kjergaard explained: 'The handler and Rico did a demonstration for the administration, police chief and sheriff - and Rico did a great job.

'He obeyed all commands he did as he was supposed to do.'

However, Rico and his handler were traveling on Monday to Louisiana for training that had already been scheduled and stopped at a gas station, Click 2 Houston said.

The dog rushed out of the vehicle while at the gas station in Bay City.



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Jocelyn Amtower was getting coffee and was bitten by the K-9. She has already had two surgeries and requires skin grafts, Click 2 Houston said.

Police got Rico from a Louisiana business called US K-9 Unlimited, and has been returned. US K-9 Unlimited owner Roger Abshire told the Houston Chronicle: 'All I can tell you is Rico is a great dog.

'He was trained properly and is a very social dog. We don't put out unsocial dogs.'

Police are putting off getting a new dog, Kjergaad told the newspaper.