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## **Local News**

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### **Boy, 7, Killed By Bull Mastiff In Lunenburg**

*(CBS4) BOSTON* A small central Massachusetts community is in mourning after a 7-year-old boy was killed in a dog attack Saturday.

Police and neighbors in Lunenburg are still puzzled, trying to figure out what could have enraged the animal.

Connor Lourens was playing in his neighbors' yard in Lunenburg with his brothers, when police say the neighbors' bull mastiff attacked the little boy's throat.

Connor was flown to UMass Medical Center in Worcester, where he was pronounced dead.

The tragedy has rocked the small community.

"The town is in shock," said Town Administrator Daniel Keyes. "We, as a community, are grieving the loss of this young child. His untimely death has rippled through this community. The towns' people are grief-stricken."

"I'm surprised, because I don't think we've ever had an incident with a dog here before," said neighbor Mike LaFlamme.

Police said there have been no problems with the dog before and it's a mystery why it attacked.

Authorities say they are ruling this an accident and no charges will be filed.

The dog has been euthanized.

Connor has two older brothers, ages 10 and 13. And for that reason, school officials had grief counselors at Lunenburg Primary School from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday, for students and teachers who wanted to talk.

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Authorities are investigating after a 7-year-old boy was killed by a bull mastiff in Lunenburg.

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