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Bizarre Attacks on New York's Finest

One Police Officer is Attacked by a Dog, the Other Officer's Shot by a BB Gun



(Morningside Heights-WABC, December 2, 2005) - One NYPD housing officer was attacked by a pit bull, and another police officer shot in the face with a BB, after they attempted to write a routine summons in a Harlem housing project.

Eyewitness News has learned the officers sustained the injuries while on patrol in the General Grant Houses on LaSalle Street just before 2:00 a.m.

The chain of events started when the housing bureau officer was issuing a summons to a 24-year-old man for walking his pit bull in the lobby area of the apartment building without a leash. Police say suddenly the dog attacked the officer, biting him in the leg.

Officers subdued the dog and dragged the animal away.

The owner of the animal, 24-year-old Jose Rivera, was taken into custody. Rivera was charged with assault, obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest.

The officer was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in stable condition.

Meanwhile, an NYPD officer responding to the first officer's call for help was hit in the face by a shot from a BB gun, apparently from an apartment in the housing complex. According to police, he was shot in the face with a BB gun, that hit him below his right eye.

Dozens of officers responded to search for the suspect, with no results.

That officer was also taken to St. Luke's hospital in stable condition.

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