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Dog fatally shot in attack

A 12-year-old boy was uninjured but badly shaken when he was mauled by the 40-pound chow-mix.

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SANTA ANA – A Santa Ana police officer shot and killed a 45-pound chow-mix today after the dog attacked a 12-year-old boy, officials said.

An ambulance was called to the scene of the incident, in the 500 block of Washington Avenue, at 11:43 a.m. on a report that a boy had been attacked.

Paramedics began treating the boy and called the police when the dog appeared to be vicious.

"They called for Code 3 -- that's an emergency call with lights and sirens," explained Santa Ana police Sgt. Lorenzo Carrillo.

The officers arrived at 11:58 a.m. and when they approached the dog on the porch of a house, it acted aggressively toward them, Carrillo said.

One officer fired two shots and knocked the dog down, he said. The dog was taken to a Garden Grove veterinarian where it died.

The boy, who was badly shaken, was uninjured but his clothes were torn in the attack, Carrillo said.

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