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## Lanett Dog Attacks Heading To Court

Brandon Fears, age 9, and his friends were walking back from the store two weeks ago when they were approached by a large dog.

"I told them I would distract the dog. I tried to make the dog run where I was going. I tried to get over the gate, but the white and brown spotted dog, it jumped and grabbed my leg," said Brandon.

Brandon scaled a nearby fence to get away. The dog's teeth ripped into his lower right leg, and his hand was injured on the fence.

"They had to bend the gate from the bottom to get me out. They wrapped my leg up and then they put me in the truck," he said.

Because of this attack, authorities say the owner could be in trouble.

"After conferring with the District Attorney, we're going to present this case to a grand jury and let a grand jury decide what actions should be taken in connection with the case," said Chief Ron Docimo, Lanett Police Department.

Brandon's mom says she wants justice, but doesn't know if her son will ever get over the trauma.

"I have a dream that it starts all over again, but the dog gets me worse. He gets my face and my neck and stuff," Brandon said.

Rhonda Fears asked, "Will he ever be the same again, or will he always scream 'dogs, dogs' in the middle of the night?"

The dog's breed has been classified as "mixed" by a local vet. The owner's name has not been released, but he will hear the grand jury's decision in August.

The grand jury will also decide charges against Billy Earl Marbury. His pit bull attacked and killed 70-year-old Barbara Pilkington of Lanett back in February.

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