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Rock Island, IL

Dog Attacks 4-Year Old Girl

He is a Bull Mastiff, a large dog living in a Rock Island neighborhood. On Monday evening, 4-year old Macey Knudsen was playing with her sister Annica in that very neighborhood, right in their own front yard, when her parents say their neighbor's dog bounded across the street and attacked Macey.

"We were playing in the wagon and the dog bit Macey," said Annica. "I went inside to get Mommy".

By the time Macey's father ran out to scoop her up and carry her to the hospital, Macey had been bitten four times and, according to him, that's four times too many.

"One time could have been enough to get close to her neck and hit a major artery," says Andrew Knudsen, Macey's father. "Does it take a life to say this dog needs to be taken care of?"

The Mastiff's owner picked up her dog this afternoon and was slapped with a \$75 fine for the attack, an attack the Knudsen's say could easily have been deadly.

"We could be making funeral arrangements today," said Andrew.

"The kids in this neighborhood don't need to live in fear of one dog," says Nicole Knudsen, Macey's mother. "It's just not right and they need to step up and do the right thing. If they don't want to talk to us, that's fine but they can't keep that dog here, it's not fair to the kids. And I don't want my daughter to be traumatized anymore."

The dog's owner refused to talk to Channel 4 Eyewitness News and the Knudsens say she has not apologized for the attack on their daughter.



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