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Dalmatian in attack on same postie

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Daily Post

ALFIE the dalmatian landed his owner in hot water with the law yesterday after his second attack on the same postman.

The Mold postie claimed he had to kick out and use his delivery bag as a shield when he was trying to do his rounds.

He branded Alfie as the most aggressive dog he had come across in 16 years.

Alfie's owner Tracey Thomas described him as a friendly animal who was good with strangers.

Thomas, of Heol y Goron, Leeswood, said the incident happened when she accidentally left a bolted gate open while she was clearing away leaves.

The 40-year-old admitted her dog was dangerously out of control.

Flintshire magistrates yesterday made a control order and told Thomas to pay £35 costs.

The court heard the Royal Mail had written to Alfie's owner after the first incident in May 2004 asking her to keep him under control.

But on November 23 last year, the dog rushed out at the same postman.

Tracey Willingham, prosecuting, said he did not suffer any injuries but was shocked at having to fight the dog off.

Defending solicitor Nic Parry, in a letter to the court, said his client felt the incident had been somewhat exaggerated.

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Thomas said she had been present throughout, and did not see the postman kick out or use his bag to defend himself.

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