



Camden man charged after dog attack

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CAMDEN (Nov 13): A Camden man has been charged with keeping a dangerous dog, after one of his three bullmastiffs bit a man Monday. It is the second biting incident involving one of the three bullmastiffs.

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Police were called to the Camden Irving gas station on Elm Street around 10 a.m. Monday to respond to a report that a dog had attacked a man.

Officer Curt Andrick and Chief Phil Roberts responded to the scene, where they found the unidentified victim seated in a vehicle at the gas station.

Andrick said the man was walking his small dog down Elm Street when a female bullmastiff owned by Karl Fritz Sitterly III of 45 Park St., at the corner of Elm and Park streets, ran from the yard and attacked the other dog.

Andrick said the man lifted the small dog off the ground to try to protect it from Sitterly's charging dog, and the bullmastiff lunged at the man, biting him in the lower jaw.

The Camden First Aid Association responded along with the police, but the injured man declined transport to the hospital. Andrick said the man drove himself to Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport where his injuries were treated.

"I spoke with Mr. Sitterly today and he provided current rabies and licensing documents," Andrick said.

The dog is under home quarantine for 10 days, a requirement of state law. After 10 days, there are no restrictions other than to abide by laws pertaining to owning a dog.

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Andrick said this is not the first time Sitterly's dogs have bitten someone. An earlier incident occurred on Aug. 9, when Sitterly was walking his other two bullmastiffs on a leash. Andrick said that a man walking near the dogs allegedly startled them and they lunged at him. One of the dogs bit the man, but Andrick said it is unclear which dog.

Andrick said the victim, who suffered an injury to his wrist, also drove himself to the hospital to be treated.

Due to the circumstances, Andrick said, and because it was the first time Sitterly's dogs were accused of biting someone, there were no charges.

Following Monday's incident, Camden police charged Sitterly with keeping a dangerous dog and allowing a dog at large. He is scheduled to appear in Rockland District Court on Nov. 16.

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