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Boy Scout recovering after dog bite at tree lot

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A 15-year-old Boy Scout is recovering at home after being bitten by a dog Sunday while loading a Christmas tree on top of a sport-utility vehicle.

The dog was in the car and lunged at the teen through a half-open passenger window after its owner bought the tree, said police Sgt. Brian Gilham. The incident happened at the Boy Scout tree lot on U.S. 31 and Canyon Road, where the teen was working.

Paramedics were called at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The Troop 110 scout from Hoover was taken to Brookwood Hospital and given stitches inside the wound on his upper right arm, Gilham said. The teen was released from the hospital the same day, and was able to attend school for final exams this week at Spain Park High.

The pet owner who was driving the SUV is from Shelby County. Her name was not released, and it was not immediately clear whether her pet's actions would result in a court summons, Gilham said.

The lot is run by the Mountain Scouts Christmas Tree Sale Association. Troy Goodman --

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