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Elderly Woman Attacked By Dog In Orlando

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ORLANDO, Fla. -- A 79-year-old woman who was bitten by a dog Sunday in Orlando is out of the hospital, but there is confusion over which dog is actually responsible for the attack.

Mary Flanigan was near the corner of Graham Avenue and Jefferson Street, just about four blocks from home. She was her way back to her son and his girlfriend when she was attacked by a large black dog.

"She was hollerin' for help. The dog finally took off and she walked home, her legs all bloodied from the bites," explained friend Kathy Wren.

While Flanigan went to the emergency room, Orlando police and Animal Services tried to find the dog that attacked her. Animal Services found a dog, but they really don't know if it is the dog that went after Flanigan.

That dog's owner turned his pet over to see if, in fact, it was the dog that bit the woman. But, if Animal Services can't positively determine what dog bit Flanigan and check records for rabies vaccinations, it's likely Flanigan will have to undergo rabies treatment herself.

"She's getting looked at. She's getting some good care," said Kevin Flanigan, the victim's son.

Mary Flanigan will have to undergo rabies shots for the next four days, because no one can be sure which dog bit her.

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