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"3-Year-Old Bit In Head By Dog"

A three-year-old girl is recovering after she was bit by a dog in the back of the head Friday morning.

Enja Dismuke and her grandmother, Roberta Washington, were walking out of their east Nashville home Friday morning when the dog attacked.

Washington, who had slipped and fell on the front steps as she was coming out of the home, watched as the dog, a neighbor's German Sheppard, bit her granddaughter and drug her through the yard.

She said the attack happened so quickly.

"She was yelling! My granddaughter was yelling, I'm yelling. We were all yelling," Washington told News 2. "When I fell I looked up and the dog was coming up across the yard... then he had her, dragging her across the yard."

The dog apparently broke from his leash and for some reason, came toward the little girl.

The dog's owner, who would only say his name was Michael, said his dog has never been violent before.

Michael: "He broke off his collar."

News 2: "Why did he go after the little girl?"

Michael: "Cause, he was trying to get to the other dogs. People just gotta tie their dogs."

The dog's teeth tore the girl's skin, but did not penetrate her skull.

Gary Moore, Nashville Fire Department, said, "It did appear to tear scalp away... It didn't penetrate the skull in any way."

She was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

The dog is under quarantine Friday night.

Officials with Metro Animal Control have cited the dog's owner for his dog "running at large."

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