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## After bite, will deputy keep police dog?

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A Butler County sheriff's deputy is leaning toward keeping his partner -- a Dutch Shepherd mix named Ammo -- after the animal recently bit his 7-year-old daughter at her birthday party, sheriff's officials said today.

Butler County Deputy Don Tolley's daughter suffered a bite to her upper thigh Feb. 17, which required more than 30 stitches to close, said Sgt. Monte Mayer, sheriff's spokesman.

But authorities say the dog wasn't at fault. The deputy's daughter is urging her father to keep Ammo.

"She doesn't want her dad to give up his dog," Mayer said.

The attack occurred at Tolley's home as he walked Ammo - who lives with the family - out to his car when the two headed for work shortly before 9 p.m., he said.

A little girl at the birthday party opened a sliding glass door and called Ammo's name.

The dog ran into the house and was surrounded by the girls. When the girls ran off, Ammo gave chase and wound up biting Tolley's daughter. The dog immediately let go when Tolley commanded him to, Mayer said.

Tolley wasn't immediately available today for comment.

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