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Labrador bites city worker, attacks officer

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A dog that bit a city worker in the Wilshire Estates neighborhood later went on to attack a Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police officer and was shot twice, said Sgt. Mike Wilson, police spokesman.

It happened about 2 p.m. Monday. Police received reports that an aggressive mixed-breed Labrador was roaming the neighborhood and had attacked the worker as she exited her vehicle in the 500 block of Woodley Road.

The worker, whose name and department were not provided Monday, was bitten on the legs, police said.

When Star Corp. Paul Rivers and paramedics arrived, the dog charged the officer as paramedics were preparing the city worker for transport.

Rivers managed to fire several shots, striking the dog twice before incapacitating it.

As the officer moved to avoid the vicious attack, he suffered injuries from a fall, which also required medical attention, police reported.

Animal control officers captured the dog and took it to a local veterinary clinic for treatment.

The owner was cited for allowing the dog to run at large and for not having dog tags.

Neither the city worker nor the police officer sustained life-threatening injuries.

Both were treated at St. Joseph's Hospital and released.

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