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Dog attacks animal control officer

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By DeLia Garten

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Two Alva residents were arrested on May 31 on charges of Failure to restrain a dangerous dog. The charge is a misdemeanor and may carry a penalty of imprisonment in county jail for not more than one year and/or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

According to the affidavit filed by Alva Police Officer Aaron Barber, on March 27, he and Officer Tebow were dispatched to help Sunshine Bradford, Alva animal control officer, investigate a reported dog attack in the 800th block of 9th Street.

Police had been advised that a mail carrier had been attacked by a dog at that address. The dog reportedly belonged to Carroll Mahoney and Debra Rees.

Upon arrival, the officers observed Bradford knocking on a large picture window at the residence. A man, later identified as Monte Wimmer, opened the interior door of the house to greet the officials.

Immediately after opening the door, a large, black dog ran through the screen door and jumped from the front porch. The dog reportedly bit Sunshine on the chest.

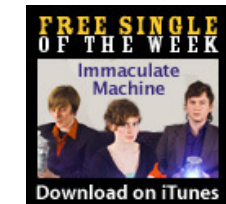
After struggling a bit, Bradford was able to push the dog off of herself, but he returned and bit her leg. It was then that Wimmer was able to grab the dog.

As he was trying to restrain the animal, it bit his hand. Blood was drawn.

Finally, the dog was able to be restrained using a leash and a pole restraint around the dog's neck.

After the dog was secured in the pound, Bradford received medical treatment at the hospital.

Charges were filed this week concerning the incident.



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