

Officer tasers dog after being bitten

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LA PORTE -- A La Porte County dog was tasered Wednesday night after the dog attacked a La Porte County Sheriff's Department deputy.

Deputy James Arnold Jr. was investigating the possible theft of a rowboat on Small Road when he stopped at a residence in the 5700 block. By the time Arnold stepped out of his vehicle, two dogs were there to meet the officer, according to a police report.

While one dog barked at the officer, the other dog, a shepherd/collie mix named "Rex," lunged and bit Arnold's left forearm. The bite ripped Arnold's uniform, the report stated.

The dog released its bite, then lunged at Arnold a second time. That's when Arnold tasered the dog to subdue him.

The dog's owner provided proof of immunization. Police also said the owner was very cooperative with the investigation and understood the dog would be quarantined for 10 days.

Arnold suffered a small puncture wound to his left forearm but refused medical treatment.

The owner of the rowboat refused to press charges.