



Dog attack victim remains in serious condition

Dogs involved in attack euthanized

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The five dogs which attacked a Hartford girl over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend were euthanized Monday, according to Geneva County Sheriff Greg Ward.

The attack left 9-year-old Mariah Carver severely injured. She was in serious condition Monday afternoon at Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham, according to Adam Kelley, a hospital spokesman.

Geneva County Sheriff Greg Ward said the girl was attacked by five dogs, which were a mix of White English bull dog and some other type of bull dog, in a neighbor's yard on Mitchell Road. The girl suffered injuries about her body, Ward said.

"This is not a dog bite, this little girl was attacked by these five dogs," Ward said. "She's lucky she's still alive from this brutal, vicious attack by five dogs."

William Webb, who also lives on Mitchell Road, owned the dogs and had them euthanized on Monday at a local veterinary clinic. Webb restrained the dogs until Monday when they were euthanized at his request, Ward said. Sheriff's investigators hope to have a rabies examinations completed today.

The girl had walked down Mitchell Road, a dirt road off U.S. 52, to a friend's house where they had arranged to spend the night together. When the friend wasn't home it appeared the dogs started chasing her, Ward said.

"It looks as though she had made it up to the trailer and was leaving or just approaching the trailer when one or two caught her and the rest of them came in on her," Ward said.

The girl was in the driveway of the trailer when the dogs attacked her around sundown Saturday. Ward has said the dogs were not chained up at the time of the attack.

Ward said no criminal charges have been filed in the attack. Any charges filed would be up to Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams, Ward said. Adams could not be reached for comment.

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