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Dog shot after attack on child in West Union

OCONEE COUNTY — Oconee County sheriff's deputies shot and killed a pit bull after it reportedly tried to interfere with emergency assistance to a 4-year-old boy the dog had just bitten.

Oconee Animal Control Director Jerry Zimmerman said his department was called out around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to 122 Union Crossing Road in West Union, where emergency medical technicians were attempting to treat the victim. The 4-year-old had suffered what appeared to be more than one bite to his inside right thigh, according to Zimmerman, including one that might have wounded the femoral artery.

When the dog, estimated as weighing possibly up to 150 pounds, made a threatening advance toward its victim and the medical technicians, sheriff's deputies shot the animal, Zimmerman said.

The child reportedly was accompanying his parents on a visit to friends living at the address when the dog attacked him.

Zimmerman said the child was taken to Oconee Medical Center and then was transported to Greenville Memorial Hospital.

No information was available as of Friday evening about the child's condition.



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