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Rochester Hills man, 90, bitten by dog

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ROCHESTER HILLS -- County officials are considering whether to bring criminal charges against a man whose 150-pound dog bit his 90-year-old grandfather Saturday.

Oakland County Sheriffs deputies were dispatched to a home in the 700 block of Birch at about 12:30 p.m. Saturday on reports of a dog bite. The victim was described as a 90-year-old retired doctor who lives with his daughter and her adult children.

One of the children, a 35-year-old man, owns an Akita, a Japanese hunting dog.

"The victim had let the dog inside from the rain and began opening a box of candy when the dog attacked the victim," Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said in a statement. "The dog bit the victim on both arms, leaving puncture wounds.

"The victim fell to the floor and the dog bit the victim's right ear, causing severe trauma," McCabe said. "The attack was stopped by the victim's daughter, who also received several dog bites in the process."

A crew from the Rochester Hills Fire Department responded and administered first aid. The victim was then taken to Crittenton Hospital. His condition was not known Sunday.

"Per the victim's daughter, this is the sixth time this dog has bitten someone," McCabe said.

The dog was taken to Oakland County Animal Control.

"Oakland County Animal Control will handle the investigation and possible prosecution from this point forward," McCabe said.

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