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Dog bites cop, owner arrested on New Year's Day

Anderson City Police officer back on duty

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ANDERSON — About one hour into 2008, a cursing man with a bottle of champagne was arrested after his failure to control his dogs left an Anderson police officer nursing an animal bite and the man facing a charge of public disorderly conduct.

A search is on for two dogs, after one of them attacked the officer about 1 a.m. New Year's Day.

Officer Jada Burgin was bitten in the 200 block of F Street, according to the incident report.

Randall Williams, spokesman for the city police, said the wound was not serious enough to keep Officer Burgin from her duties.

Early Tuesday morning, she was among police officers called to investigate yelling between James Powell Jr., 29, and his sister, Jamie Powell.

Officer Burgin went behind the house, where Mr. Powell was heard yelling at his dogs.

Moments later, she stumbled into the house, saying that a dog had bitten her, the report states.

"It is not known if (Mr. Powell) let the dog out or if had escaped," Officer Warren Smith said in the report.

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