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BAXTER -- It was very bad timing for a dog owner on Dyer Ridge Road recently when his dog decided to bite a Putnam Sheriff's deputy.

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It happened just as the deputy was writing the owner, Nathan Ray Smith, a citation for letting the dog run loose.

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Deputy Sonny Farley and Corrections Officer Will White went to the Smith residence on March 15 after receiving a complaint from a neighbor of Smith's who said he had been having problems with Smith's dogs.

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"He told me that the dog, which looked to be a Jack Russell, has been growling at his grandkids and has tried to bite him several times," the deputy said. "I asked him who the dog belongs to and he told me it belonged to Nathan Ray Smith."

Deputy Farley and C.O. White then went to Smith's residence to talk to him, but he was not home. A family member phoned Smith, who said he was on his way home.

"While we were waiting on him to return home, the dog tried to bite C.O. White," Deputy Farley's report says.

"When I was able to speak to Mr. Smith, he told me he has never known of his dog trying to bite anybody. I told him that I was going to write him a citation and he needed to do something with his dog."

That's exactly when the dog ran up and bit Deputy Farley on the lower leg, then ran around the squad car and bit CO White on the leg, then ran back around the car and bit the deputy again.

"I told the owner to catch the dog, that I was going to take it to the pound," the deputy's report says. "I wrote the citation and took the dog to the pound."

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