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## **LOCAL NEWS** **Dog Attacks Officers**

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When Stanli Owens told officers that Ben Brogdon was actually [driving the crashed Cadillac](#), they first checked for him in his tent and then began a search. They began in the wooded area behind the camp site in the Boat Basin campground.

Investigator Chris Jordan and Cpl. Aaron Brown approached a small hill leading to the river and spotted a black dog growling as he ran towards them. Investigator Jordan yelled watch out to Cpl. Brown. The dog disappeared in the vines and brushes but the growling continued.

All of a sudden the dog reappeared as it launched itself towards Investigator Jordan. He drew his service weapon and fired one shot. The dog yelped and fell to the ground. Now the dog got up and launched itself towards Cpl Brown. He shot the dog once and he again fell to the ground. The dog got up and ran off in the direction from where it came.

Investigator Jordan and Cpl. Brown assisted the dog's owner in finding the animal but it was dead. In the wake of the vicious dog attack on January 6, and the [County Animal Ordinance](#) now in full force, the number of animal calls to the County and to 911 has quickly escalated. Between the dogs that have been trained to be vicious and others left homeless and hungry in the county, there is a problem.

Two recent calls illustrate the problems. About 4 am, a lady on Johnny Skipper Road was leaving for work. In her yard, like he was waiting for her, was a big dog. Deputies were called to the home to assist her.

Another example is a call to River Front Road. Several roaming dogs charged towards a resident that was closing his fence gate. The resident says that in the past he could always leave his gate open, but with these dogs apparently vicious, he now has to keep it closed.

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