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## **Dalzell girl in critical condition after dog attack**

A 6-year-old Dalzell girl was in critical condition after being mauled by several dogs that were running loose Monday afternoon, Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said.

The little girl was walking by herself after being dropped off by a school bus on Ardis Pond Road between 3:30 and 4 p.m., Dennis said.

A man who lives with the girl just off Ardis Pond saw the dogs attack her. They bit her in the face, head and legs, Dennis said, before the man could run them off.

The girl was airlifted to Palmetto Health Richland with extensive injuries.

Sheriff's deputies spent most of the next three hours searching for the dogs and did catch two of them, including one that appeared to be a German shepherd mix, Dennis said. The others appeared to be mutts, he said.

Deputies were trying to determine if the dogs had an owner and, if so, who that person is. Dennis said the search for the dogs and possible owner would resume this morning after it was called off Monday night for darkness.

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