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### Gravette Police Dog Attacks Child

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**GRAVETTE, Ark.** -- A Fourth of July celebration turned into a nightmare for one young boy after he was attacked by a police dog in the city of Gravette.

On Friday, 7-year-old Bill Porter was bitten several times while watching fireworks at Pop Allum park.

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A Gravette police narcotics dog named "Rush" attacked Porter after being let off his leash.



Lt. David

Smith said, "Whenever you have a crowd of off-duty officers that are around the dog, you might let them off the leash for a while. His dog bound forward, sped towards a younger boy, and bit him a few times."

After officers managed to pull the dog off the boy, he had been bit on his face, neck and legs. He was taken to Ozarks Community Hospital.

The attack has the Gravette Police Department struggling to come to terms with what happened.

Smith said, "We're really surprised and shocked. I've been around the animal, never had a problem with him, never seen him this way."

The Gravette City Council will now decide if the dog will be retired or will be allowed to return to the force. The dog is currently being held at the Gravette city pound.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office has been called in to investigate the incident.

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