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VICIOUS ATTACK — Dogs maul woman

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— Brandy McCarty, of McAlester, was delivering medical supplies to a customer in the Wilburton area on May 29 when a vicious attack changed her life.

McCarty, an employee with an area medical supply company, was attacked by nine to 10 dogs while on a delivery. The woman at the house assured McCarty that the dogs did not bite as she stepped into the fenced area to deliver the medical supplies; however, she was wrong.

As the dogs began to attack, McCarty dropped to the ground. "I covered my face," McCarty said hoping to protect herself from the bites. "I don't know which dog bit me first," McCarty said. However, one dog bite lead to many, she reported.

"The women tried to control the dogs, but couldn't," McCarty said. McCarty made her way into the woman's house to escape the attack; however, one of the dogs made it's way inside. The attack continued. McCarty then was able to escape to a bedroom in the house. It was there she discovered a cell phone and was able to call 911.

The dogs attacked McCarty causing numerous wounds to both legs, back and buttocks. McCarty described the attack as horrific. The McAlester News-Capital chose not to show photos she had due to the graphic nature of the injuries.

Police and an ambulance were called and McCarty was taken to a Latimer County hospital.

She was then transferred the McAlester Regional Health Center.

There doctors determined that McCarty needed surgery to repair her wounds. "They did a great job at the McAlester hospital," McCarty said. She was released from MRHC on Wednesday.

McCarty is now able to walk short distances with the aid of a walker. She has no idea when she will be able to go back to work.

Wilburton Police Cheif Todd Cooper said the matter was never turned over to the Wilburton Police Department. "The matter will go to animal control," Cooper said. He continued, "If it happened like I was told, it seems to be a civil matter."

She feels that something should be done to prevent this type of attack from recurring.

McCarty hopes that by telling her story, she can help prevent this type of thing from happening again.

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