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Family dog attacks, kills 2-week-old baby girl

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MESA -- A family dog attacked and killed a Mesa 2-week-old baby girl when her mother stepped away for just a moment.



📹 Dog quarantined

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It happened Wednesday evening at a home near Warner and South Mountain roads.

According to police, the mother, who is a police officer with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, stepped away from the baby for a moment to use the bathroom. She left the baby in a low-lying bassinet or crib.

When she returned, she discovered the dog, a Chow, had severely bitten the infant.

The frantic mother called 911.

The first officers to arrive at the home said the baby girl had obvious bite wounds to her head. When Mesa paramedics got there, she was unresponsive. She was pronounced dead on the scene.

Det. Steve Berry of the Mesa Police Department said this story hits especially close to home because the

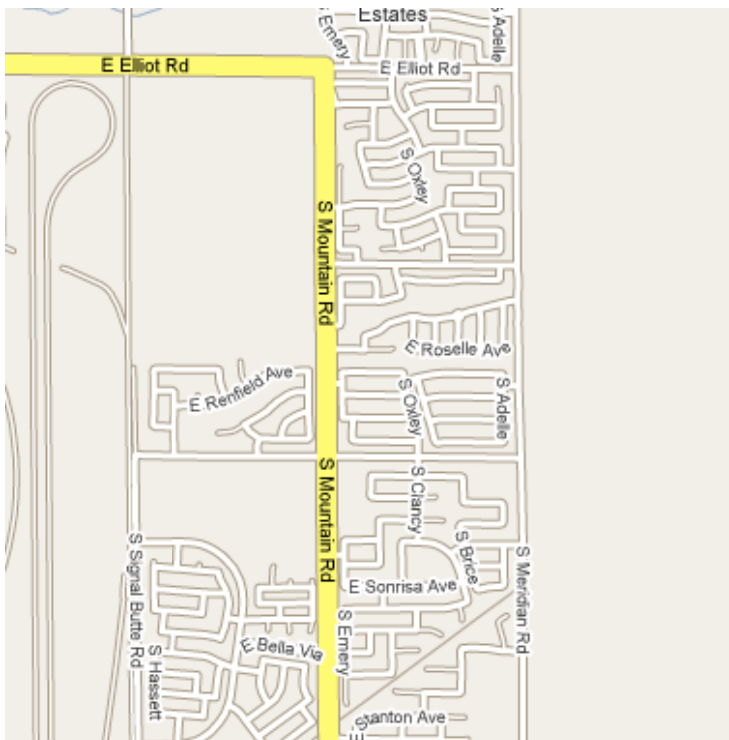
baby's father is a Mesa police officer. He was on duty at the time of the attack.

It's not known how long the family had had the dog, which has been quarantined at the county facility until the investigation is complete and it can be determined what should be done with it.

Mesa police say they will treat this case as they would any other, but they say at this time, it does not look like there was any wrongdoing.

"All indications are that this is just one of those very unfortunate tragic accidents that we deal with in this job sometimes," Berry said.

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