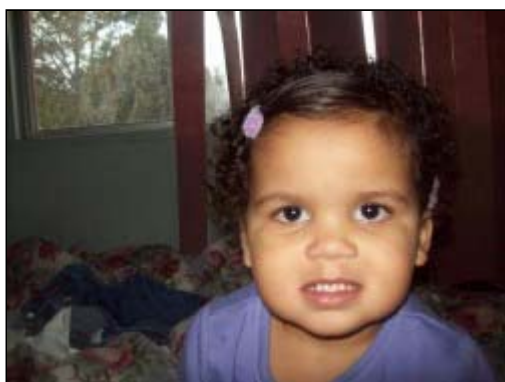




UPDATE: Dog Attack, Fate Uncertain for Dog

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Bay County, Fla:

The fate of a Bay County dog that attacked a toddler earlier this month is now in the hands of its owners.

Two-year-old Valencia Newton was attacked by the dog while in the care of a 17 year old babysitter.

The baby was taken to Shands Medical Center in Gainesville for treatment.

Animal Control says this was the second time the dog bit someone. The first time it wasn't deemed serious, so the dog wasn't declared dangerous.

This time, the animal has been declared dangerous, and is in quarantine.

A request to a special magistrate is still pending to determine if the dog is vicious. If he is labeled vicious he will be put to sleep.

The owners of the dog can either put him down or appeal by March 24th.

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