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4-year-old suffers dog bite

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A 4-year-old Samsula girl was transported to Halifax Health Medical Center with serious injuries Thursday night after she was reportedly bitten by an 80- or 90-pound dog, officials said.

An EVAC ambulance was initially sent to the intersection of State Roads 44 and 415, but before paramedics arrived they were diverted to Interstate 95 and State Road 44 in New Smyrna Beach, EVAC spokesman Mark O'Keefe said.

The girl was in the family vehicle, O'Keefe said.

"The family was going to take her to the hospital, but then decided an ambulance better transport her," he said.

Though the girl's injuries are not life-threatening, paramedics determined they were serious enough that she should be taken to Halifax in Daytona Beach.

O'Keefe had no details about where or how the injuries occurred, but said the girl reportedly suffered them from a dog bite about 8:30 p.m.

Paramedics called the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, and the case has been turned over to Volusia County Animal Control.

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