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Montco Authorities Consider Charges After Dog Bites Girl

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Plymouth Township, Pa. police and the Montgomery County district attorney are deciding whether any criminal charges will be filed after a five-year-old girl was bitten on the neck by a German shepherd earlier this week.

Police and the Montgomery County Health Department confirm the eleven-year-old dog has a history of biting dating back to 2000 -- two humans and another dog -- prior to biting the girl on Monday afternoon.

Police lieutenant Karen Mabry says it happened at Maple Acres Farm on Narcissa Road in Plymouth Meeting:

"It appears, through our investigation, that the child as well as her mother observed the dog on the property of the farm and approached it. They began petting the dog and then, according to our investigation, the child went to hug the dog and that's when she was bitten."

The girl remains in serious condition. Mabry says the mom and her daughter were customers at the farm. The health department confirms that after the third bite in 2006, the dog was ordered to be leashed, muzzled and attended in public.

Mabry says it appears that didn't happen Monday.

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