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Boy, 6, injured in dog attack

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DECATUR - Macon County Animal Control has a dog in its custody after it mauled a 6-year-old boy on East Wood Street.

Rayvion Wynn was at his aunt's home in the 1600 block of East Wood Street on Thursday when a German shepherd mix jumped the fence and attacked him, according to Selestine Wynn, who said this was not the first time that her son had been attacked by the dog.

"The first time the dog attacked my son was a week ago, and it grabbed my son's elbow, leaving teeth punctures," she said.

At that time, Wynn said she contacted animal control about the dog and was told that the dog would be put on watch.

"They were supposed to pick up the dog then but didn't do anything. The same dog attacked my baby again," she said.

On Thursday, Rayvion and two cousins were playing in the backyard when the same two large dogs jumped over the fence, Wynn said.

The one German shepherd mix attacked Rayvion, biting his neck, back and both legs, his mother said.

Wynn said that when her sister ran out to get the dog off Rayvion, the dog snapped at her. She said that if it hadn't been for a mailman passing by and spraying the dog, it would have continued mauling her son. The dog fled after being sprayed.

"My child had chunks taken out of him," said Wynn, who rushed her son to the hospital, where he was treated for severe injuries. She said the doctor bandaged most of the wounds, and Rayvion has to stay in bed and can't walk.

Chris Horton, assistant administrator with Macon County Animal Control, said the owner of the dog could not be found.

She said that when animal control responded to the bite incident Thursday, officers brought the dog in, and it will remain under bite quarantine for 10 days. After that, the dog will be euthanized if the owner doesn't come forward.

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