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Police dog bites woman in groin

A woman has been bitten in the groin by a police dog searching for supermarket thieves in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Staffordshire Police pulled over four men in a van in Platts Avenue, Endon, Stoke-on-Trent, after a robbery at Morrison's in Leek on Saturday.

Three men ran off and a police dog that was chasing them bit a woman who was standing nearby, the BBC understands.

The case has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

'Serious matter'

The woman, who did not wish to be named, required stitches in her groin and is back home again in Platts Avenue.

Staffordshire Police said: "Following a report of a dog bite, our Professional Standards Department has been in contact with the woman concerned.

"We take matters of this nature very seriously and have voluntarily referred the matter to the Independent Police Complaints Commission."

A 25-year-old man from Willenhall, in the West Midlands, was arrested at the scene. He was charged with burglary and appeared before Fenton magistrates on Monday.

He was remanded in police custody until 2 February.

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