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Woman claims she was bitten by three dogs

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HILMAR -- A 44-year-old woman was injured just before 10 a.m. Friday after being allegedly being attacked by three dogs on her neighbor's property in the 20000 block of August Avenue in Hilmar.

She suffered one bite to her left arm and two bites to her left leg, said deputy Tom MacKenzie, spokesman for the Merced County Sheriff's Department.

The dogs involved in the attack were two Catahoulas, which weigh between 40 and 50 pounds each, and a dachshund-cocker mix, said Rick Blackwell, animal services manager at the Merced County Animal Shelter. All three dogs involved were removed from the property.

The dogs didn't display any aggression when animal control officers arrived, Blackwell said.

The victim reportedly went onto her neighbor's property to discuss an ongoing disagreement, MacKenzie said. She was able to get away from the dogs and back to her property.

The dogs' owner claimed the victim was on her property agitating the dogs, which provoked the attack, MacKenzie said.

The victim was transported to Emanuel Medical Center for treatment.

The dogs will remain in a 10-day quarantine while officers look into the circumstances of the attack, Blackwell said.

No charges have been filed against the dog owners. The investigation is ongoing.

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