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## Dog Attack Seriously Injures Woman In Hamilton

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HAMILTON, Ohio -- A Tri-State woman is recovering after being viciously attacked by a dog.

Stacey Martin says as she was locking her car doors on North 11th Street in Hamilton, a dog bit her on the ankle. When she turned around, it lunged for her face. Then, as she tried to push it away, that's when it started attacking her thigh.

Martin says the attack as so violent, neighbors had to help get the dog off of her.

When she finally got to the hospital, Martin says the doctors were stunned by the bite. "It was close to my artery, my main artery in my leg," said Martin. "So they said I was very lucky. Very gruesome. (They) said it was probably one of the worst dog bites they've seen."

Martin had to get three stitches in her ankle and 22 staples in her thigh.

Because Martin didn't get a very good look at the dog and did not call 911 immediately, animal control officials have not yet found the animal. But they are on the lookout for a black lab mix with a red collar.

However, even if they find a dog matching that description, the dog warden says it will be nearly impossible to prove it was the same dog that attacked Martin.

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