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Dog causes minor injuries to 13-year-old Melissa girl

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A teenage girl sustained minor injuries as the result of a dog attack in Melissa.

The accident took place sometime before 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the 300 block of Elk Trail in Melissa. The unidentified 13-year-old victim sustained bites to her hand and leg but did not require hospitalization, according to Anna police records.

Melissa police Sgt. Kyle Babcock said the dog, an Akita, escaped from their owner's backyard before the teenager encountered the dog. The teen tried to pet the dog when it attacked her.

The dog bit the teen on her hand and leg, but her injuries were minor in nature. Paramedics transported the unidentified teenager to Medical Center of McKinney, but only because of the time of day.

"It was just to get her wounds cleaned out and shots and things," Babcock said.

Collin County Animal Services have the dog in their custody as law enforcement officials continue to investigate the matter. No charges or citations have been filed in connection with the incident as of Tuesday.

"We're looking at what we're going to do here city-wise and we know the county will have to decide which agency is going to file anything," Babcock said.

Monday's incident marks the second dog bite incident in the northern Collin County area in the last few weeks. A father in Anna and his 4-year-old son were attacked by a dog on Sunday, April 25.

The Anna attack took place in the 2000 block of Athabasca Falls Drive. The 16-year-old daughter of the dog's owner was walking the dog when it got loose from its leash and went after the father and son. The dog first went after the 4-year-old boy after escaping from his leash and as the father tried to pull the dog off of him, the dog then went after the father, Anna Police Chief Kenny Jenks said.

The owner's daughter tried to intervene and regain control of the dog, and the dog attacked her as well. The child sustained some head injuries during the attack and the father and the owner's daughter both received some lacerations on their arms as they tried to gain control of the animal, Jenks said.

Anna police and paramedics responded to the emergency call. Paramedics transported the

4-year-old boy to Medical Center of McKinney for treatment for his head lacerations.

Collin County Animal Control impounded the dog during the call. Police also issued the dog's owner who lives in the 2000 block of Hanakoa Falls a citation for "animal at large," according to Anna police records.

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