

Police arrest German shepherd owner on charges related to last month's attack



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A Bantam man turned himself into police this evening on charges relating to the April 20 dog attack outside the Parks and Recreation Center.

Robert Kahn, 58, is charged with reckless endangerment in the second degree, two counts of allowing dog to roam and animal nuisance, police said.

He is owner of the two German Shepherds that reportedly attacked Guy Marchison of Island Hill Avenue and his golden retriever puppy, Star. He left the scene following the attack, police said.

Following the attack, Mr. Marchison was transported to the hospital for bites to the face and hands and the dog was taken to the animal hospital for treatment of injuries, including puncture wounds.

The German shepherds were reportedly not on a leash at the time and though the town has no leash law, dog owners are responsible to control their animals, Police Capt. Clifford Scharf said.

The two dogs were recently quarantined by the town dog warden and are now back in the custody of the owner, Capt. Scharf said.

"As a result of the newspaper articles we got a lot of calls and information from around the state," Capt. Scharf said. "It took us a while to follow up on everything."

Police said last week that they had applied for a warrant in the case.

Mr. Kahn was processed and released on \$1,000 bond. He turned himself in on the warrant around 6 p.m.

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