



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE

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Rampaging Put Bull Shot by Sheriff's Deputy

Summary of Event

A large pit bull terrorized an Aloha neighborhood tonight while it ran down the street snarling at people. The dog eventually ran into a house and attacked a dog and the homeowner. Deputies shot the dog before it could attack them.

Full Details

On Monday, July 12, 2010, at about 7:30 p.m., a large pit bull ran down the street in the community of Aloha biting and growling at neighbors. The more than 100-pound dog eventually ran into a house in the 18500 block of SW Takena Court. The pit bull attacked the 17-year-old dog that lives in the house. The dog is half the size of the pit bull. The homeowner, Joseph Wasielewski, tried to intervene in the attack on his dog and was severely bitten on the hands.

A man who came to the aid of Mr. Wasielewski and his dog, grabbed the pit bull by the chain that was attached to its collar. The pit bull was very strong and resisted being restrained. The man was having a very hard time trying to restrain the pit bull, another person in the house stabbed the pit bull with a kitchen knife to try and stop it from attacking. During this ordeal, 911 calls were received from people in the neighborhood and the house about the aggressive dog. When the first Sheriff's Deputy arrived, he ran into the house with a dog control pole.

The man who was trying to restrain the dog was having a difficult time, but the Deputy was able to get the loop around the dog's neck. The man let go of the pit bull, just as a second Sheriff's Deputy arrived. The Deputy with the pole was trying to keep the pit bull at bay, but the dog was violently thrashing about and the pole was starting to bend. The second Deputy feared the pit bull was about to get loose and attack them. He shot the pit bull twice in the head and killed him before he could get loose.

Mr. Wasielewski was transported to an area hospital with severe bites to his hands. His dog was taken to an animal hospital with bites to his head and a torn ear. The pit bull's owners were located on the same street. They told Deputies the dog had escaped when one of the children left a rear gate open. They did not know the dog was missing until Deputies knocked on their door.

No citations were issued at the scene. This investigation is still ongoing. Deputies would like to hear from anyone who has had experience with this pit bull in the past.

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