



CITY OF CORNELIUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Man Defends Himself and Dogs from Aggressive Pit Bull

January 13, 2018 – This morning, a man was walking his dogs when he and the dogs were confronted by an aggressive pit bull. The man defended himself and his dogs by stabbing the at-large animal. The pit bull later succumbed to its injuries at a veterinary clinic. The owner of the pit bull is unknown.

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 7:32 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies assigned to the City of Cornelius responded to a report of a male attacking a dog in the 400 block of N 10th Avenue, near the railroad tracks.



When deputies arrived, they learned that a resident was out walking his two dogs when an aggressive adult male pit bull confronted them and attacked one of the leashed dogs. The pit bull caused minor injuries to one of the dogs. The man stabbed the pit bull to protect himself and prevent further harm to his dogs.

Deputies transported the injured pit bull to a local veterinary clinic, where he had to be euthanized.

It is not known at this time who owns the pit bull.

Washington County Code requires dogs to be restrained by leashes, tethers or other physical control device and under the physical control of a capable person, unless the dog is in an enclosed area specifically designated for dogs to be without a leash or on its owner's or keeper's own property.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact deputies at 503-629-0111.

The man who defended himself and his animals is willing to speak to the media. Any interested media outlets should call the PIO number for contact information.