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Father and Four Year Old Daughter Attacked by Family Dogs

Last night at about 8:15 pm officers along with Fire Rescue personnel responded to 3028 Yale St North regarding vicious dogs who had bitten a child.

The complainant, John Faucette, 37, was standing outside the home with his four year old daughter who had suffered a dog bite wound to the face. She was treated by paramedics at the scene.

The two family dogs responsible for the attacked were seen inside the house and other rescue personnel were holding the front door closed to keep the dogs inside. Both dogs were extremely agitated and aggressive, growling, barking and attempting to push the door open.

Mr. Faucette stated that he has had the dogs since they were pups. They were a Labrador and Pit-bull mix and they had never shown any aggression towards anyone before.

He stated that he had been in the living room on the couch and his daughter was in her room playing. She had been playing with the dogs and they had been running through the house together.

Suddenly he heard his daughter start screaming. When he ran into the bedroom he saw that she was bleeding from the face and she said the one of the dogs had bitten her.

Faucette grabbed his daughter and stood up at which time both dogs began attacking him. He fought them off by kicking and punching at them and managed to make his way into the bathroom with his daughter and shut the door.

At some point, Mr. Faucette exited the bathroom holding his daughter and grabbed a child’s paint easel which used it to fend off the two attacking dogs so that he, his wife (who had just arrived home) and daughter could escape the home.

An Animal Control officer arrived and managed to capture the two dogs utilizing a catch pole. Both animals remained highly aggressive during the process.

The four year old was transported to all Children’s Hospital for treatment of her facial wounds.

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