St. Petersburg Police Department

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Africanized Killer Bees Attack Dogs

We currently have two officers standing by 675 23rd Avenue South in response to a call of two pit-bull dogs that were attacked by bees.

Upon our arrival at about 11:15 am this morning, we found the two dogs out in the street near 636 23rd Avenue South. One dog was found alive, but had numerous bee stings and the second dog was found deceased. The surviving dog was taken to a veterinarian, but it’s not clear at this time as to whether or not it will survive.

A bee expert has responded to the scene and has determined that a colony of Africanized Killer Bees is located in the attic of the home at 675 23rd Avenue South. He indicated that at this time it would not be advisable to attempt to spray the bees as this might agitate the colony. He will return at dusk and exterminate the colony at that time.

We have positioned officers around the house as a precaution to keep pedestrian activity to a minimum around the residence until the extermination is completed.

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