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In Aftermath Of Dog Attack Of Child, Parents Question Police Investigation Procedures

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The parents of three-year-old Nevaeh Farrell are angry. Angry because their daughter was mauled by an English Mastiff that attacked her as she played in the fenced-in yard of a her aunt.

Perhaps they are even angrier because after the attack and call to the police, officials never came out to investigate the incident as their daughter suffered serious bite-wounds to her nose, eyebrow, chin and forehead.

While seeking medical attention following a dog attack is indeed crucial, notifying law authorities of the incident really is important in terms of securing the animal, but also in terms of ascertaining the ownership of the dog.

The documentation as to the location, type of dog as well as determining dog ownership is necessary to pursue a claim for personal injuries against the owner of the dog. Even if the dog runs away following an attack, it is a good idea to timely notify police and given them a description or photo of the dog so they may conduct an investigation into ownership of the dog.

Unfortunately for **victims of dog bite attacks**, if the owner of a dog can not be determined, there is little chance of a recovery.

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