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PRESS INFORMATION

INCIDENT: Animal Attack (dogs)

CASE NUMBER: 17-00342

GENERAL LOCATION: Sutter Court Corning, CA 96021

DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: March 1, 2017 at approx. 3:00 pm

VICTIM: 48yr old Kroslowitz, Don and 67yrs old Dixon, Bonnie

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INJURIES/LOSS/DAMAGES: Multiple bite wounds and lacerations.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On 03/01/17 at about 3:00 pm Tehama County Sheriff Deputies responded to a report of a dog mauling that occurred at a residence on Sutter Ct., in the Rancho Tehama Reserve area of Corning. The attack on Mr. Kroslowitz was interrupted by a neighbor who entered the yard with a vehicle and performed a rescue.

It was discovered Don Kroslowitz was mowing his neighbor's yard inside the fenced area where two (2) adult females, one (1) adult male and a litter of five (5) pit bull puppies were being kept. It is believed Mr. Kroslowitz got too close to the litter of puppies and was attacked by the 3 adult pit bulls in the fenced yard.

Mr. Kroslowitz received numerous puncture bite wounds, lacerations and contusions over most of his body including his face. This was a vicious attack and witnesses who saw the incident described the attack as extremely violent and pack like.

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office responded to the call with a total of five (5) Sheriff's deputies. Volunteers from the Rancho Tehama Fire Rescue also responded and immediately administered aid to Mr. Kroslowitz.

Bonnie Dixon witnessed the attack and tried to call the dogs away from Mr. Kroslowitz by shaking the chain link fence while standing on the opposite side. Ms. Dixon received a puncture bite from one of the dogs that bite her through the chain link fencing as she tried to distract the dogs.

Mr. Kroslowitz was transported by air ambulance to Enloe Hospital due to the severity of his injuries sustained in the attack. Ms. Dixon's injuries were not as severe and she sought treatment on her own.

The dogs were aggressive toward anyone approaching the yard and resisted violently while deputies attempted to remove them from the property. A variety of methods were used to try and control the animals including an attempted Taser deployment that was not successful. Deputies had used a catch pole to control each of the adult dogs. At the time of this release, the deputies involved had not reported being injured in this incident.

The three pit bulls involved in the attack were captured by Tehama County Sheriff Deputies and transported to the county shelter for quarantine. The five pit bull puppies at the residence were also taken to the shelter.

The owner of the dogs, Jonathan Molina, has been contacted by deputies and the incident is actively being investigated. Mr. Molina agreed to surrender ownership of the animals.

**Assistant Sheriff
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