



Town of Wallkill Police Department

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**For Immediate Release
July 21, 2014**

**Incident: Three Victims Attacked by Pitbull
Location: 124 Bellvernon Avenue, Town of Wallkill
Date/Time: July 20, 2014 /4:42 PM**

On Sunday, July 20, 2014, at approximately 4:42 pm, Town of Wallkill Police Sergeant Richard Procak and Police Officer Christopher DiNapoli, responded to a Dog Bite at 124 Bellvernon Avenue. Upon arrival, officers discovered three injured victims locked in two separate bedrooms and a vicious pitbull roaming inside of the home. All of the victims were suffering from dog bite wounds. Two of the victims, Janese Jones and Rosalind King were able to be removed from the house through a window. However, a third victim, Darren Gardner, was unable to exit through a window and officers had to enter the house to render aid to Gardner. By this time, Police Officer Alex Demundo arrived on the scene, and together with Sergeant Procak utilized a Taser, a ballistic shield and a catch pole to restrain the dog so that Gardner could be removed from the house by Police Officer DiNapoli and Town of Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance (TOWVAC) personnel. The dog expired a short time after being restrained and its remains were removed to the office of Paul Johnson DVM where it is being tested for diseases.

According to the victims, Janese Jones and Rosalind King were sitting on a bed in the residence petting the three year old pitbull when the dog bit Jones's face. When Rosalind King and Darren Gardner attempted to stop the attack, the dog began to attack them. Afterwards, the victims were able to lock themselves in two bedrooms until the police arrived.

The victims are identified as:

Victim # 1

Janese Jones

8 year old female

124 Bellvernon Ave

Treated at Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC) for a dog bite to the face.



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Victim # 2

Rosalind King

57 year old female

124 Bellvernon Avenue

Treated at ORMC for dog bites to her hand and arms

Victim #3

Darren Gardner

55 year old male

124 Bellvernon Avenue

Treated at ORMC for dog bits to his arms and torso

Robert C. Hertman
Chief of Police

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