



APPLETON POLICE DEPT

Incident #: A24059979

Reporting Officer: 9562 BENJAMIN YANG

Report Time: 12/31/2024 21:31:37

Incident

Incident Nature
Animal Bite

Address
1625 N RACINE ST; at Theda
Appleton ER room 7
APPLETON, Wisconsin 54911

Occurred From

12/31/2024 21:31:31

Occurred To
12/31/2024 21:32:50

Received By
9508 MARY JANSSEN

How Received
Telephone

Contact
ER nurse Art

Disposition
Active

Disposition Date

Cleared

Intrnl Inc. Sts

Cleared Date

Clearance
REPORT

Cargo Theft Related

Responding Officer(s)
9562 BENJAMIN YANG

Offenses

All Other Offenses

Completed?

Method Of Entry

Gambling Motivated?

Premises Entered?

Location Type

Cargo Theft Related?

Statute
AC 3-18

Description
ANIMAL RABIES
VACCINATION REQUIRED

Category
OTHER

All Other Offenses

Completed?	Method Of Entry	Gambling Motivated?
Premises Entered?	Location Type	Cargo Theft Related?
Statute AC 3-15(b) ATTACK	Description ANIMAL NUISANCE-ANIMAL ATTACKS W/OUT PROVOCATION	Category OTHER

Non UCR Reportable


Completed?	Method Of Entry	Gambling Motivated?
Premises Entered?	Location Type	Cargo Theft Related?
Statute ANIMAL BITE	Description ANIMAL BITE	Category OTHER

Persons

JENKINS, STEVEN J Adult Offender

Address 1625 N RACINE ST APPLETON Wisconsin 54911	Phone (508)494-0903	DOB 12/25/1986
Race White	Sex Male	Ethnicity Unknown
Height 5'08"	Weight 200	

TJ Victim

Address  APPLETON Wisconsin 54911	Phone	DOB 07/04/2019
Race White	Sex Male	Ethnicity Unknown
Height	Weight 0	

NDJ

Contact

Address	Phone	DOB
██████████ APPLETON Wisconsin 54911		09/27/2012
Race	Sex	Ethnicity
White	Male	Unknown
Height	Weight	
	0	

Narratives**Original Narrative****01/23/2025 11:07:19**

On 12/31/2024 at approximately 21:32 hours I, CSO Yang #9562 responded to an animal bite at the address of 1625 North Racine Street; Thedacare Appleton ER room 7. The CAD notes indicated a 5 year old male with dog bite in ER #7.

Upon arrival at Thedacare Appleton ER room #7, I was met by the victim and his father "Steven Jenkins" (12/25/1986). As I introduced myself to Steven, he began informing me what happened in today's incident. Steven helped me identify the victim involved today as his son "██████████ TJ Jenkins" (07/04/2019). Steven insisted that he wasn't home during the time ██████████ TJ was bit, but he was told that ██████████ TJ was in his brother's room with him when it happened. The dog involved in today's incident is the family dog named "Chewie". Steven notably added that ██████████ TJ will frequently bother Chewie to the point where the Chewie will nip back at ██████████ TJ but in a defensive/reactive manner. Steven strongly believed that today's animal bite was an accident as the dog has never showed aggressive behavior in the past. ██████████ TJ and Chewie get along perfectly whenever ██████████ TJ isn't physically bothering him.

With this, I asked Steven if I could speak to the brother that was in the same room as ██████████ TJ during the bite. Steven agreed for me to speak with the brother and called his wife over the phone as the brother was with her. I spoke to the brother involved who I only identified as "Noah Jenkins", over the phone. I asked Noah what had happened today. Noah confirmed ██████████ TJ was in his room along with Chewie. Noah laid on his bed while ██████████ TJ was with Chewie on the floor. Noah stated he didn't hear or see anything until after the bite occurred because the room lights were off. Noah had only thought maybe ██████████ TJ and Chewie were playing. This left no witnesses for the incident and only reasonable belief that ██████████ TJ had been bothering Chewie as always.

While observing ██████████ TJ, I noticed approximately 7 total laceration wounds on his face. Three near the right eye (two above and one below left side of right eye), three scratches above the left eye, and one near the top left of his forehead. As it's unclear if the dog bit or scratched ██████████ TJ, due to my training experience as an animal control officer, I believe the dog had bit Tucker near his right eye and scratched ██████████ TJ on his left side of the face. The wounds would match as the punctures around his right eye are deeper and stretched where as the punctures to his left side are longer and not as deep.

As I confirmed with Steven about the high possibility of ██████████ TJ provoking Chewie today, Steven made it clear that this was the determining factor of either euthanizing or surrendering Chewie. I informed Steven of the order to quarantine process for Chewie. Steven lastly stated that they had moved from another state earlier this year and wasn't sure if he had documentation of Chewie's rabies vaccination. Steven had no further questions as he plans on not having Chewie anymore.

In the case that there is no substantial evidence that this bite was unprovoked due to the given

statements, I believe that [REDACTED] TJ was provoking Chewie as he usually would. Pictures of the dog and victim wounds has been uploaded to AXON CAPTURE. Attached to the files is the APD order to quarantine form. I will follow up with this case during my next shifts.

RECORDING DEVICE:

Axon on

INVOLVEMENTS:

"Steven Jenkins" (12/25/1986)

"Tucker Jenkins" TJ (07/04/2019)

"Noah Jenkins" NJ

DOG INFORMATION:

Name: Chewie, Gender: Male, Breed: Lab mix, R? L?

END OF REPORT

CSO Yang #9562

Transit 1049

**Supplemental
Narrative**

01/02/2025 19:31:02 9562 BENJAMIN YANG

On 01/02/2025 during my 15:00 hour shift I, CSO Yang #9562 followed up on this animal bite after receiving two missed phone calls from "Steven Jenkins".

I made phone contact with Steven and he advised that he was able to get "Chewie" seen at FVHA. FVHA allowed Chewie to stay home and finish the quarantine due to boarding issues at FVHA. At this time, Steven wasn't sure what he would do with Chewie and he still needs time to find a solution for him. In the case that Steven keeps Chewie after the quarantine is finished, I will follow up on this incident to ensure rabies vaccination and licensing is done with the city of Appleton WI. Further follow up will be done during my next shifts.

RECORDING DEVICE:

Axon on

END OF SUPPLEMENT

CSO Yang #9562

Transit 1049

**Supplemental
Narrative**

**01/03/2025 13:30:56 9563 MATTHEW
FILLEBROWN**

INTRO

On 1/3/2025 while working as the Lead Community Service Officer and Humane Officer for the City of Appleton I followed up on this animal attack incident, to determine if it indeed was a provoked animal attack due to the severity of the victim's wounds.

EXAM OF FACIAL INJURIES

Upon looking at the pictures provided by CSO Yang, I could see that the victim sustained multiple

facial injuries during this animal attack. The victim, [REDACTED] TJ, in the wound pictures showed blood stains dripping from both of his closed eyes. I could see from the picture uploaded by CSO Yang, that [REDACTED] TJ had sustained a laceration under his right eye. This laceration appeared to be still fresh, which appeared to be the cause of the blood streaking down from [REDACTED] TJ's Face. [REDACTED] TJ also sustained an addition laceration mark and what appeared to be a puncture wound, above his right eye. [REDACTED] TJ in addition sustained an approximate 3-4 lacerations close to his left eye. While looking at the wound pictures I also noticed that [REDACTED] TJ sustained a laceration near the left side of his temple and what appeared to be a large laceration on the top left hand side of [REDACTED] TJ's head by his hair line. [REDACTED] TJ's face was red and puffy from a few scratch marks as well. [REDACTED] TJ's shirt was stained what appeared to be blood near his shoulders and his chest area.

ELEMENTS OF THE ATTACK

In CSO Yang's interview with Steven, Steven mentioned to CSO Yang that he was at work and did not witness the attack. Steven told CSO Yang that [REDACTED] TJ has a history of hitting their dog. Steven mentioned that their dog does a good job of not reacting to these interactions. Steven said that [REDACTED] TJ has slugged Chewy in the past and that Chewy would run away until [REDACTED] TJ would corner him. Steven then said that his other son was in the room when this attack happened and that older son believes that [REDACTED] TJ probably did something to Chewy. During the conversation with CSO Yang it was never mentioned that [REDACTED] TJ or Chewy were not allowed to be next to each other.

CSO Yang then talked with Noah with Steven Present. Noah said that he saw [REDACTED] TJ standing in front of Chewy. Noah then said something to the effect of "I didn't see the whole thing, but I saw [REDACTED] TJ fall back and that's all I saw". CSO Yang asked if he heard any sounds leading up to the attack and Noah said no. CSO Yang asked Noah if he believes that [REDACTED] TJ touched the dog in a way that would lead to bite him and Noah said no. Noah then said that he did not see anything because the room was dark. CSO Yang then verified that this happened in Noah's room and he said yes. During CSO Yang's conversation with Noah I could hear an adult female voice in the background with Noah.

UNPROVOKED DECLARATION

The facts of the investigation show that Chewy and [REDACTED] TJ are familiar with each other. They are allowed to interact with each other and it is not uncommon for [REDACTED] TJ to hit Chewy. The witness, Noah, indicated that he did not see [REDACTED] TJ hit Chewy or Abuse Chewy at the moment of the animal attack nor did he hear any whimpering or growling from Chewy. The wounds sustained by [REDACTED] TJ from Chewy needed medical treatment at a hospital. With the information provided by CSO Yang's investigation, I am deeming this attack to be unprovoked. The act of standing next to the family dog, with no witnessed account of [REDACTED] TJ hitting or abusing Chewy at the time of the attack, is not justification for a family dog to bite a child in the face with such force to cause severe injuries needing stitches. This declaration is based off of the interview provided by CSO Yang.

CONTACT WITH FATHER, STEVEN.

I then made contact with Steven, on my recorded phone line. I introduced myself to Steven and explained to him the reason for my phone call. I told Steven that I was calling in regards to the severity of this attack that I was finding to be unprovoked. I went over the report with Steven and asked if [REDACTED] TJ was sleeping with Chewy on the ground. Steven told me that was incorrect. Steven said that his other son, Noah, was playing video games in his room and that [REDACTED] TJ was standing next to Chewy who was sitting. Steven then said that next thing Noah told him was that he heard a sound and then saw [REDACTED] TJ fall back onto the floor. Steven then told me that his son Noah told him that he thinks [REDACTED] TJ punched Chewy in the nose again.

I informed Steven that these statements of [REDACTED] TJ's interaction with Chewy did not justify the mauling that [REDACTED] TJ received from Chewy. Steven did not like that I had used the word Mauling to describe the wounds that his son had received. I then asked Steven if [REDACTED] TJ's wounds needed stiches to close them, to which he replied, yes. For clarification, WI state statue classifies Substantial Bodily Harm as bodily injury that causes a laceration that requires stitches. Steven and I then talked about dog owner ship and the ups and down that goes with it. Steven told me that Chewy has in the past run away from [REDACTED] TJ and they have worked with [REDACTED] TJ to stop harassing Chewy.

I then informed Steven that this animal attack would be deemed as a unprovoked animal attack. I explained what that meant and that a ticket would most likely be issued. I explained to Steven that if Chewy was put down the City would not Cite or do a Dangerous Animal Declaration. I then explained to Steven that if Chewy was removed, which was fine, that a Dangerous Animal Declaration would happen. Steven asked me what the cost of the citations would be and I explained to him how much those were.

Steven and I then discussed the quarantine process and where they were with it. During my conversation with Steven, he was not sure his dog was vaccinated and that it had been a few years since he had the Rabies Vaccination Shot.

The next topic that was discussed was what Steven had planned for Chewy after the quarantine was completed. Steven mentioned that he would have Chewy Euthanized or rehomed. I informed Steven that if Chewy was rehomed that the City of Appleton would follow up on the Dangerous Animal Declaration and Tickets being issued for this unprovoked animal attack. I then told Steven that if Chewy was euthanized that the case would be closed as exceptionally cleared, as Chewy has been put down. Steven said he understood and that I would be following up on the 9th of January.

CONCLUSION

This animal attack has been declared as a unprovoked animal attack. The act of a familiar family member standing next to the family dog while not being reported to be taunting or teasing the family dog is not considered to be provocation for an attack. The act of causing serious bodily harm to a child that resulted from a unprovoked animal attack is justification for declaring Chewy as a Dangerous Animal.

FOLLOW UP WITH STEVEN

I called Steven back on my recorded phone line and followed up with him to see what he would be doing with Chewy after the quarantine. Steven said that I should just send him the tickets and that he would be pushing back. Steven said money would not be an issue for him and that he would push back. I then asked Steven if we could meet on Monday to meet with him to go over the paper work that would be involved with the Dangerous Animal Declaration. Steven said that he is only free on Fridays. Steven and I then decided that email each other would work best. I then went over some information about what would need to be done with the Dangerous Animal Declaration. Steven then asked for my supervisor's information and I provided him with Captain Lewis' information. I then sent Steven his Dangerous Animal Declaration for Chewy and informed the Board of Health of this declaration.

ARREST CUSTODY INFORMATION

STEVEN J JENKINS 12/25/1986 will be cited for AC 3-15(b) Unprovoked Attack and AC 3-18 (Rabies Vaccination Required).

Fillebrown #9563

Supplemental Narrative

**01/24/2025 10:28:33 9159 MITCHELL
MARTINEZ**

INVESTIGATION:

I, Officer Martinez #9159, was working in plain clothes as a school resource officer and sensitive crimes investigator for the City of Appleton Police Department on 01-22-25. I was asked to assist with an animal investigation by Lead Community Service Officer and Humane officer Fillebrown. I was asked to speak with Noah Jenkins regarding what he may have seen from the incident. I spoke with him at Huntley Elementary School.

CONVERSATION WITH NOAH JENKINS AT HUNTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON 01-22-25:

Noah explained to me that his brother [REDACTED] TJ, his dog, and him were all in Noah's room. Noah said he was playing video games with his friends. He also mentioned that his room was dark. [REDACTED] TJ was talking to him, but Noah had his headphones on, so he did not exactly hear what he was saying. Noah saw [REDACTED] TJ and the dog right in front of each other. After that Noah said he "kind of" saw [REDACTED] TJ hit the dog. [REDACTED] TJ fell back and ran to his mom.

Noah explained in more detail the location of everyone in the room at the time. Noah was sitting in a chair facing the TV where he was playing his video games. The TV sat on his dresser/wardrobe across from him. [REDACTED] TJ and the dog were to the right of Noah. The dog and [REDACTED] TJ were facing one another. [REDACTED] TJ had pizza in his hand according to Noah. Noah said [REDACTED] TJ was "probably" making fun of the dog because he likes to do that a lot. Noah said, "I don't know if I actually saw it" as he was talking about [REDACTED] TJ having a pizza "up here". Noah was implying with the motion of his hand that [REDACTED] TJ may have been teasing the dog with pizza.

Based off some of the comments Noah was making such as "kind of", "probably" and "I don't know if I actually saw it", I was not sure if Noah was explaining to me what he saw with his own eyes. Noah also made a comment a little later during our conversation that [REDACTED] TJ "just did whatever he did to my dog". He also said, "he like punched him or something" along with "It's either he like accidentally punched him or he was teasing him". Due to all these statements I wanted to make sure I was following him correctly as well as getting the information correct of what he saw himself, so I went back to break the statement down to get a better understanding.

Noah confirmed that he saw [REDACTED] TJ with pizza in his hand, but he did not see [REDACTED] TJ raise the pizza up or tease him. Noah later said he did not see [REDACTED] TJ punch the dog, but he said, "I think I saw him teasing him with the pizza". I asked Noah after [REDACTED] TJ had the pizza in his hand, the dog was sitting there, and he was playing his game, what was the next thing he saw with his own two eyes. Noah explained [REDACTED] TJ fell back, [REDACTED] TJ was holding his face, and [REDACTED] TJ went to his mom. Noah said there was blood on the basketball hoop that he got from their parents. After that they were in the ER. Noah confirmed that he saw [REDACTED] TJ falling backwards with the pizza, but he did not see what caused the bite to happen.

OTHER INFORMATION:

I attempted to talk to [REDACTED] TJ about the situation at Huntley, but he did not say any words when speaking with him. It appeared [REDACTED] TJ was not ready to open up about the situation.

I updated their parents on the conversations that were had. I advised them that if/when [REDACTED] TJ was ready to discuss what happened with them, that they should reach out to the Police Department to update them.

This ended my involvement with this case.

My Axon body camera was on.

END REPORT:

Ofc Martinez #9159

The following two pages contain images of injuries.



