

OCT 12, 2022 – Southgate’s Canine Control Officer received information from the O.P.P. I was made aware of 2 separate dog bite incidents regarding 2 separate locations in Southgate. The O.P.P. responded to the incident in Dundalk and myself (Leonard Longtin); Southgate’s By-law officer and (Karen Foster) Southgate’s Canine Officer attended the incident below

Synopsis of Incident: An 11-month-old dog owned by Bruce Crystal was attacked by 2 dogs. the 11-month-old dog succumbed to its injuries.

Address of Occurrence: 131270 Southgate Sideroad 13

Dog Owner: Bruce Crystal
131270 Southgate Sideroad 13

Dog Attacked: Petunia, female dog approximately 11-months old.

Accused: Christina Beblow and Rick Wilson
131252 Southgate Sideroad 13

Dog(s) Involved: Joey, male French Mastiff approximately 5-years old.
Mia, female French Mastiff approximately 5-years old
Diva, female French Mastiff approximately 6-months old

Owners Statement: Approximate time of incident early a.m. Crystal had let his dog out but forgot his coffee inside the front door to his house and he went inside to get his coffee. Crystal returned outside, just as his dog was spooked by a noise to the side or rear of the home. Petunia ran from the front corner of the house towards the rear of the house. Shortly after Crystal heard a loud yelp, so he ran to Petunia who was now at the rear of the home. Once Crystal reached the back of his home, he saw two (2) dogs he identified as belonging to Beblow and Wilson, his neighbours. They had Petunia in their mouths. Crystal immediately started yelling at both dogs which then released Petunia and ran away. Crystal stated he noticed a third dog was also in his backyard. Crystal immediately picked up Petunia, ran to his car and drove to the neighbours. Crystal door knocked and when the

door was answered he told Beblow to come to his car to show her Petunia. Crystal claims he yelled at Beblow "your dogs just killed my dog". Crystal stated Beblow did not move and told Crystal she couldn't leave the house. Crystal then ran back to his car and drove to the vet hospital. Petunia passed shortly after.

Accused Statement:

Beblow stated her neighbor Crystal drove over and knocked on the front door. When she answered the door, Crystal began screaming all your dogs attacked my dog and then left. Beblow advised me she did not say anything because she was scared. Beblow states all her dogs were home and 2 dogs were inside with her daughter who was home sick from school. The only dog outside was Joey. Beblow called her husband to tell him what happened after Crystal left but did not tell him Crystal's dog was attacked, and did not know of Petunia's death until informed by Southgate's Bylaw and Canine officers.

Southgate's Investigation: By-law Officer Longtin and Canine Officer Foster arrived to investigate at 11:20. We began our investigation at Beblow and Wilson 131252 Southgate Sideroad 13. Dog Joey was the only dog outside and no noticeable marks or blood was discovered.

We then spoke with Crystal; he stated it was his neighbours' dogs that killed Petunia. Crystal was the only witness to the incident but was positive he knew the dogs. As per Southgate By-law 2020-078 Section 1, Definition: Dangerous dog, and Section 8, Dangerous dog a muzzle order was placed on Joey and Mia.

Muzzle Order Issued:

October 13, 2022, the muzzle order was hand delivered to Wilson at 131252 Southgate Sideroad 13

Southgate By-law Officer
Leonard Longtin