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HOT SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT FOR CASE FILE
NARRATIVE PAGE

OFFENSE #: 08L028369

REPORTING OFFICER: K. Zaner # 116

I, Officer Zaner was dispatched to 150 Centerview in an attempt to locate Larry Clark. Washington County Sheriffs Department had contacted Hot Springs Police Department and requested officer go to 150 Centerview and locate Larry Clark who reportedly lives there and is wanted on felony warrants of manufacturing a controlled substance and parole violations.

I arrived at 150 Centerview at approximately 0908 hours and waited for Corporal Andrews, who was also responding. Corporal Andrews arrived at about 0909 hours and I went to the rear of the residence to establish a perimeter. I walked around the north side of the house and into the backyard. After walking past the back porch two dogs appeared and began barking and growling. One of the dogs was a pit-bull, which had been on the back porch I walked past. The pit-bull ran off the back porch and toward me. I drew my duty pistol and moved backward, but was stopped by a fence on the southside of the house. The entire yard was fenced with vegetation growing over most of the fencing, except the north side where I entered which was open and unfenced. I could not get back to the north side of the house because the path was blocked by both dogs and I was unable to exit the backyard. The second dog was a boxer dog near the north side of the house.

After drawing my duty pistol the pit-bull retreated back to the porch. I advised Corporal Andrews that I was trapped in the backyard by dogs. Officer Bassett arrived on the scene and came to the south side of the house but could not access the backyard because of a fence. Corporal Andrews made contact with a resident at the front door. I advised Corporal Andrews to have the dogs owners secure their dogs. An unknown adult female opened the backdoor and stepped out onto the back porch and made eye contact with me. The pit-bull then left the back porch and charged at me again. I had my pistol drawn and pointed at the dog and told the female to put her dog up. I then asked her if the dog would bite, and she responded, "Yes, he'll bite." I again told her to put the dog up. The female went back inside the house and shut the backdoor, leaving the dogs outside. The pit-bull continued to growl and moved from the back porch to the yard where I was standing. I called for Animal Control to respond to the scene to secure the vicious dog.

Approximately 3 to 4 minutes after the female had gone back inside and shut the door, she opened the backdoor and yelled, "Get inside." The pit-bull ran back up on the porch and toward the open backdoor. The pit-bull then ran to the south side of the porch and began looking and growling at me. Suddenly, the pit-bull ran from the back porch onto the yard and toward me. I had backed up to the fence with my gun drawn on the pit-bull. The pit-bull continued toward me in a very aggressive manner and when it was within 8 to 10 feet of me I fired approximately 6 shots toward the pit-bull. The pit-bull spun slightly to it's left and yelped, then moved toward me again. I fired approximately 5 more shots and the pit-bull fell down. The pit-bull then got up and limped back toward the porch, but collapsed at the bottom of the steps. The pit-bull then got up and limped up the steps and collapsed again on the back porch.

Animal Control Officer T. Paskell arrived at 150 Centerview along with other officers from Hot Springs Police Department. T. Paskell took custody of the pit-bull and the owner of the dog signed him over to Animal Control to be euthanized. T. Paskell stated Hot Springs Animal Control has had previous complaints on the pit-bull that was shot and that Sgt. Simmons with Animal Control had issued the dogs owner a citation two (2) weeks earlier for it being vicious.

Gene Kirk who was in the yard next door at 148 Centerview stated that he mows the yard at 148 Centerview and has filed complaints with Animal Control about the pit-bull being vicious and that the pit-bull has tried to attack him on 7 or 8 occasions.

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