

Dog owner says she'll sue Hills over shooting of pet

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Officers arrived and followed the dog down the street to its own yard. Police did not realize the dog lived there, Niemisto said.

"As the officer approached and tried to close the gate, the dog ran full force at the officer, growling and baring his large fangs."

The officer shot three times; two shots to keep the dog from advancing, and a third to "put it out of its misery," said Police Chief William Dwyer. Stone said an autopsy done Thursday showed the dog was shot twice. One bullet grazed the dog's leg and another went through his heart and spine.

The dog was shot at about 4:50

p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, police said.

Police are conducting an investigation of incident, which is expected to be completed this week, Dwyer added. Investigations so far have shown "some conflicting statements," but he said "preliminary investigations indicate he (the officer) acted properly."

But Stone said she felt the shooting was unwarranted. She said both dogs in a pen in her fenced-in backyard, but one dog got out. "I knew he would come home," she said. "It was a one-time incident."

Police said they could not confirm if other complaints about the dog were on file. Dwyer said his department would not release the name of the officer involved.

STONE SAID when she heard the first shot fired in her driveway, "I assumed he was shooting a wild animal." She said she could understand her dog growling at the officers, because they were coming onto her property.

Dwyer said Hills officers are expected to use their judgment on each case to which they respond. He noted that the loose dog constituted a violation of state and local laws, but "that doesn't mean we would necessarily use force."

No determination has been made about whether the dog's owner will be ticketed, he added.

Kidnap-extortion exam postponed

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SCHAEFFER ALSO continued cash bonds of \$100,000 for each defendant. All are being held in the Oakland County Jail. The kidnaping charge carries a term of up to life in prison and the extortion charge up to 20 years upon conviction.

The victim's father told police he

received a call from his daughter asking to borrow \$200. When he refused, a man came onto the telephone and said: "If I don't get my money, I'll kill her and drop her in pieces on your front lawn," the police report said.

The father, also a victim in the case, appeared in court Friday but could not tell attorneys why his

daughter did not appear.

The victim told Farmington Hills police she had gone to a crack house in Detroit where she was abducted, put into a van, forced to have sex with three men, then moved to another vehicle and eventually brought to her house in Farmington Hills. Police arrested the three defendants there.

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