

On April 22, 1996, my 5 year old daughter, Alli, was playing in her grandparent's back yard. In the next yard, Keith Naugle's full grown Rottwiler was outside. He jumped a 3 foot fence into her grandparent's yard. He grabbed Alli by the head and pulled her 56 feet. She was ambulated to RHMC where she underwent a 3 hour surgery to put her scalp back together. The plastic surgeon, Dr. Ellenberger, said her scalp was like a jigsaw puzzle. She ended up with 105 surgical staples and 7 sutures. Two days later she was returning to the operating room for wound irrigation because her temperature was 105 degrees. After 6 1/2 days she was allowed to return home. Two weeks later she was back in the operating room because part of her scalp had died.

During this time we did not know if she would live, if her scalp would live, if she would have hair, let alone what emotional problems she would encounter. .

While Alli was going through this nightmare, the dog never left it's home. The police allowed the owner to quarantine the dog at his house. At this time he still was not considered a dangerous dog, so he was able to go out as before with no guarantee he would not maul again. Finally at the end of May, Keith Naugle was to appear before District Justice Bentz. He pleaded guilty before the hearing. The dog was given another reprieve because Keith Naugle was given 30 days to appeal his guilty plea. Approximately 3 months after the attack, the dog warden contacted the owner notifying him that he indeed owns a Dangerous Dog, and the steps he would have to take to keep the dog. The owner put the dog to sleep.

Alli was a emotionally a different child when she was told the dog was gone. She was willing to go to her grandparent's and play outside again. She had already gone through enough trauma and still had to wait 3 months for any kind of peace.

Alli still has physical and emotional scars. Our hope is with new laws no other person will have to live through our Nightmare.

Sincerely Concerned,

The Aquila Family