

OELWEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFENSE/INCIDENT ARREST REPORT



Case Information

CFS #: 23 - 013290

Narrative

On June 18, 2023, at approximately 12:45pm, I was dispatched to 109 2nd St NW in Oelwein for a report of a dog bite. Upon arrival, I met with the reporting party, Morgan McMillan. Morgan was present with her 6-year-old son that had been bitten by a dog. Morgan was able to tell me where the dog lived and a description of a gray and white pitbull.

The young male showed me his calf and I observed a puncture wound that was bleeding. The male child, as well as the group of children he was with, gave me the same version of events. They were walking the boy's dog, on a leash, on the sidewalk, past the house that the dog who bit him lives. The pitbull ran at them and began to fight with their leashed dog. Their dog did suffer a bite wound on its tongue. The dog then bit the boy's calf. Morgan, the children, and a neighbor of Morgan's all said that the dog has been loose before and has been aggressive.

I went over to 214 2nd Ave NW to make contact with the owner. I first talked to a neighbor who happened to be outside. She stated that her son had been bitten by the neighbor's gray and white pitbull in the past but they never reported it at the time.

The owner, Heather Hinze, answered the door. I explained what took place to Heather. She did not deny or try to argue that her dog was loose or that it bit someone. Heather stated the dog was not registered with the city and was not up-to-date on its shots. However, Heather said that the dog has not had any symptoms of rabies or any other diseases.

I advised Heater that she would receive a vicious dog letter and have to proceed through the City of Oelwein's process for vicious dog. I also informed Heather that she would need to quarantine her dog for the next 10 days to verify the dog did not develop any rabies symptoms, and to contact me if it did.

Officer Name: Charity S. Hellef / Officer ID: 33-1125

Officer Signature: /// Date: 06/25/2023