



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Woman Walking Dog Attacked By Pit Bulls**

Sheriff's Deputies say a Cordova woman was attacked by three pit bulls early this morning as she walked her dog.

Helen Marshall, 62, who lives on Meadow Trail Cove, took an early morning walk before work with her son's Husky, "Skye." As she approached a home in the 8600 block of Oak Trail Lane about 3 a.m., three pit bulls ran from an open garage and attacked her dog. When she tried to stop the attack, the pit bulls turned on her.

When a Sheriff's Deputy pulled up, he saw Ms. Marshall lying on the ground covering the Husky. She had been bitten several times on the hands and forearms. She was taken to the Regional Medical Center by ambulance where she remains in stable condition this morning.

As the Deputy got out of his squad car to assist Ms. Marshall, one of the pit bulls charged at him. He fired his shotgun once but the dog was not hurt. It ran away but later returned to the backyard through a hole in the fence. The other two pit bulls ran into their kennels inside the garage.

The three pit bulls were taken to the Memphis Animal Shelter where they will be quarantined. Ms. Marshall's dog was taken to an animal clinic. Family members say "Skye" is expected to survive.

Deputies are still investigating the circumstances of the attack. Detectives have not yet been able to contact the owner of the pit bulls.

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