

Pack of pit bulls mauls man during during early morning Deerfield attack

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DEERFIELD BEACH – A 28-year-old man was seriously injured after he was mauled early Friday morning by a pack of up to five pit-bull dogs, the Broward Sheriff's Office said.

One of the pit bulls was shot and killed by deputies and another may have been wounded. Three dogs remain on the run.

The victim, Robert Wall, was hospitalized shortly after the 1:40 a.m. Friday attack by the dog pack in the Target parking lot at 1250 South Federal Highway, according to BSO spokeswoman Veda Coleman-Wright.

Deputies first tried to rescue Wall by shooting one of the dogs with an electronic stun gun. The dogs scattered and Wall, who was mauled from head to toe, was then rushed to North Broward Medical Center. He remains hospitalized there.

Late Thursday around 11:30, deputies were sent to the Ashcroft home at 101 SE 11 Court, where the dogs had attacked and killed the family's rabbit and a guinea pig. Both had been kept on the front porch.

The dogs were also sighted running loose near the Rivertown Manor apartments at 1161 SE Sixth Ave.

When deputies finally spotted the dogs, they were trying to eat a cat, Coleman-Wright said.

Broward County Animal Control workers attempted to secure the dogs using a noose, but the animals became agitated and aggressive, forcing deputies to fire their guns, Coleman-Wright said. One dog was killed. It's unclear if a second dog was injured. Three dogs got away.

The pit bulls were all described as young and are believed to be about 1 year old. All had brown or reddish coats.

BSO detectives want to find the owner of the dogs and the remaining pit bulls before someone else is hurt.

Anyone with information on this case should call BSO Aggravated Felonies Detective David Lewis at 954-765-4321 or call CrimeStoppers, anonymously, at 954-493-TIPS or log onto their website at www.browardcrimestoppers.org

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