

# Girl, 2, Fatally Mauled By Family Pit Bull

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**DALLAS --** A 2-year-old southeast Dallas County girl is dead after a family dog mauled her at their mobile home.

The incident happened in the rural town of Combine on the Dallas-Kaufman county line.

According to neighbors, the girl's father told paramedics he was using a weed trimmer and his daughter was riding her tricycle. One of the family's pit bulls -- a male -- was chained nearby.

The next thing the father knew, the child was on the ground, with blood covering her and the dog, neighbors said.

The identities of father and child haven't been released. Dallas County sheriff's Deputy Michael Ortiz said the girl's injuries were mainly on her face and head.

The dog has been taken to an animal shelter in nearby Balch Springs. There is no word on its fate, but neighbors said they had complained previously about the family's pit bulls' aggressiveness toward children.

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