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Columbia woman reportedly mauled to death by dog

Robin Conway, 64, had recently adopted pit bull out-of-state

Howard County police were called to a residence on Tamar Drive Sept. 3 for a report that a woman had been mauled to death by a pit bull she adopted two weeks ago. Officers found Robin Conway, 64, deceased in her back yard with significant injuries. The cause of Conway's death will be determined in an autopsy by the state medical examiner.

A family member reported finding Conway injured in her yard around 7:20 p.m., with the dog standing over her. The witness called 911 and tied the dog to a fence post until assistance could arrive.

Police and paramedics responded and pronounced Conway deceased at the scene. The dog, still attached to the post, was barking and lunging on the leash and had to be subdued by animal control officers and ultimately euthanized. A necropsy will be performed to determine if the dog had rabies or any other medical issues.

There were no previous calls to animal control related to this address prior to this incident. Police do not have information about the dog's adoption, except that it came from out-of-state.

Police are conducting a standard death investigation and awaiting autopsy results to confirm the cause of Conway's death.

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