

Baby girl killed by guard dog

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A 14-MONTH-OLD girl was killed Thursday when she was attacked by a mixed-breed watchdog in her grandfather's home at 4912 N. Talman Ave.

The child, Patricia Aliprandi, died in Swedish Covenant Hospital of wounds over most of her body.

Doctors worked on the child for three hours, restarting her heart with stimulant drugs and inserting a breathing tube, before she died. She arrived in the hospital with no heart beat, officials there said.

Neighbors said the male dog had appeared normal in the several months the family had owned it.

A woman who lives upstairs from the grandfather said the dog was friendly and never growled. She said she would pet it every day on the steps or in the back yard.

The dog was taken to the Animal Control Center, 3400 S. Lawndale Ave., where workers described it as "part bull mastiff."

THE CHILD'S mother, Sharon Aliprandi, of 1907 W. Cullom Ave., told police she had been watching

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Guard dog

Continued from page 1, this section the house while the grandfather, Ted Adams, and the grandmother were out of town on vacation. She said she briefly left her daughter in the care of a 14-year-old baby-sitter to go and visit her sister, Sheila Whelan.

While at the sister's, she received a call from the baby-sitter, who said

the dog was acting strangely, Detective Martin Ryan said.

Mrs. Aliprandi and her sister rushed home to see the dog "dragging the child across the floor in its jaws" while the baby-sitter threw books at the animal in an effort to free the child.

Mrs. Aliprandi freed the child by kicking the dog and gave the child mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Hospital officials said deep puncture wounds covered the child's chest, back, neck and head.



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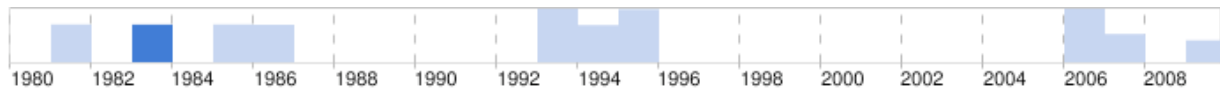
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