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Pit bull dog kills 5-year-old boy

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SENECA — A 5-year-old boy was killed by a pit bull dog that was later shot by a deputy when the animal tried to attack the officer, authorities said yesterday.

Jason Lee Wilson of Seneca was killed about 7 p.m. Sunday by the dog while playing outside the house of a friend he and his mother were visiting. Oconee County Sheriff Earl Holcombe said.

When Deputy Mike Smith arrived

on the scene, the dog turned to attack him, and Smith shot the animal to death, Holcombe said.

"It took several shots to kill the dog," Holcombe said.

Authorities are still looking for the dog's owner.

"He had been warned to keep the dog restrained," Holcombe said.

No charges have been filed and the investigation is continuing, Holcombe said.

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"I'm afraid it's going to be a real mess with all the fireworks around. If a cigarette can start a fire, fireworks sure can," Turner said.

urban areas, where the use of fireworks is generally banned.

Gaffney and Spartanburg also have city ordinances prohibiting the detonation of fireworks inside their

rates go up.

"I'm sorry. I really am. I have to pay it, and my mother will have to pay it," Wigington said. "It's a mess of our own doing, and we're going to have to deal with it."

Man charged in dog attack

WALHALLA (AP) — The owner of a **pit bull** terrier that attacked and killed a 5-year-old Seneca boy last weekend was released on bond today after being charged with involuntary manslaughter, authorities said.

The boy's death prompted an Oconee County Council member Tuesday to request that county officials research whether they can restrict the ownership of vicious animals.

Robert Crunkleton, 29, of Seneca, was arrested at the Oconee County Law Enforcement Center Tuesday on charges of involuntary manslaughter, said Sheriff Earl Holcombe. Crunkleton was released on \$3,000 bond this morning, a jail spokeswoman said.

The arrest warrant charges that Crunkleton was warned by Oconee County Animal Control officials "on several occasions about dogs being a public nuisance by attacking people and not being kept on a restraint."

Jason Lee Wilson died from loss of blood after being attacked by the dog outside the home of a friend late Sunday.

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