

went to look for him.

The child was found at the edge of a bean field away from the family's home, Hertzell said. He had dog bites on his upper body.

Ryker was taken to Sabetha Community Hospital, but doctors were unable to revive him, said Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker.

The Schweitzers' female bull mastiff was seized and taken to the Kansas State University animal sciences department in Manhattan for testing, Shoemaker said.

Forensic dental tests will attempt to match bite impressions taken from the dog with the boy's wounds.

Shoemaker said it wasn't clear if the dog has ever attacked before.

Kentucky

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 Associated Press

Owensboro (AP) Authorities in Daviess County say an 87-year-old woman died yesterday after being attacked by her son's six pit bulls at his home.

Mary DeLacy appears to have gone outside to shake out a rug and was pulled into the backyard after the dogs took hold of it. That's according to Daviess County Sheriff's Captain David Osborne.

Deputy Coroner Mike Postlewaite says the woman's son was mowing and found his mother after the attack. She was dead when an ambulance arrived.

Osborne says the woman had been staying with her son while she recovered from surgery.

He says the pit bulls were captured and taken to an animal shelter. He says he doesn't know what will happen to them.

South Carolina

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Florida

5-Week Old Mauld By A Dog

JACKSONVILLE, FL 10/4/2004-- A 5-week-old boy is dead after being mauled by a dog.

The attack happened at a home off Jade Drive on the Westside Tuesday afternoon.

Authorities say a man and a woman rushed the young boy, identified as Jose Diaz, to a nearby fire station asking for help.

Firefighters tried CPR on the little boy until Trauma One arrived to take the baby to Shands Jacksonville. The boy did not survive.

Grandfather Frank Michno says the dog who attacked his grandson had been with the family for more than 12 years."Oh, I'm very angry with Chance. I can't understand what would have gone through his mind."

Michno says his plans are to euthanize his dog if the courts don't already order it.

In the mean time the family is just trying to cope with the loss. "It's like a bad dream, I don't know what else we're going to do," Michno said. First Coast News anchor Mark Spain says investigators believe the baby's grandmother and mother were in the house at the time of the attack.

Family members say the child's parents were dropping the child off at his grandparents for the day. The grandmother left the room for only a moment.

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February 4, 2005/Lanett, Alabama: Barbara Pilkington was fatally mauled by a neighbor's dog who was normally kept chained.

February 2005/Jacksonville, Florida: Kaylin Flowers, 4, was attacked and injured by her family's chained dog.

January 10, 2005/Buckley, Illinois: Tamra Kuester, 8, was attacked and injured by a neighbor's dog who had broken free from a chain.

December 16, 2004/Fincastle, Virginia: Sam Reid was attacked and injured by a dog who was normally kept chained.

December 12, 2004/Shoreline Park, Mississippi: Kamryn Billingsley, 34 days old, was fatally mauled by a dog who was normally kept chained.

December 8, 2004/Orlando, Florida: Myles Leakes, 4, was fatally mauled by at least one of a relative's three chained dogs.

December 2004/West Valley, Utah: Spencer Clafin and Travis Ellis were attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

December 2004/Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada: A 3-year-old boy was fatally mauled by four dogs, including one who was normally kept chained.

November 17, 2004/Woodbury, Tennessee: Bree Thomas, 1, was attacked and injured by one of her neighbor's three chained dogs.

November 15, 2004/Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: Craig Planidin, 40, was attacked by his dog, who was normally kept chained.

November 2004/Boston, Massachusetts: Kathleen Rehs, 82, was attacked and injured by one of her neighbor's chained dogs.

November 2004/Arrowwood, North Carolina: Ronnie Huffman, 31, was attacked and injured by a neighbor's chained dog.

September 19, 2004/Westphalia, Iowa: Logan Rogers, 10, was attacked and injured by a relative's chained dog.

September 17, 2004/Wichita Falls, Texas: Clara Young, 85, was attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

September 2004/Scott Township, Pennsylvania: A woman was attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

September 2004/McGehee, Arkansas: Robert Fowler, 5, was attacked and injured by a neighbor's chained dog.

September 2004/Greer, South Carolina: Isaiah Calandis, 1, was fatally mauled by one of his grandfather's four chained dogs.

September 2004/Oquawka, Illinois: Kaylee Chewing, 5, was attacked and injured by a neighbor's chained dog.

August 28, 2004/Devils Lake, North Dakota: Jasmine Sharbono, 2, was attacked and injured by a neighbor's chained dog.

August 19, 2004/Costa Rica: Mayra Jose Chavez, 5, was fatally mauled by her family's chained dog.

August 2004/Rice Hill, Oregon: A man was attacked by a chained dog.

August 2004/Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania: Summer Baumgardner, 9, was attacked and injured by a friend's chained dog.

August 2004/North Platte, Nebraska: Jessica Haws, 20, was attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

August 2004/Keswick, Ontario, Canada: Karen Jones was attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

July 2004/Denver, Colorado: A man was attacked and injured by a dog who had broken free from a chain.

July 2004/Harlingen, Texas: A man was attacked by a dog who was normally kept chained.

July 2004/Charlotte, North Carolina: A 7-year-old boy was attacked and injured