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Lubbock Police Investigating Saturday Morning K-9 Unit Incident

(LUBBOCK, TX) – The Lubbock Police Department is actively investigating an incident involving one of our K-9s, who escaped from its handler’s backyard and was later involved in a dog attack that injured two citizens in South Lubbock.

Just after 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a call about a dog attack in the 5700 block of 108th Street. During the attack, citizens took action to stop the animal, later discovered to be an LPD K-9. A citizen who intervened shot and killed the K-9.

Shortly after the call for service was received, an off-duty Lubbock Police officer alerted Dispatch to send additional units to help in locating his police K-9 that was missing from his yard. It was later confirmed that this same K-9 was involved in the incident.

Two persons were transported to University Medical Center, one with serious injuries, and the other with moderate. Lubbock Animal Services also responded to the scene.

The K-9’s handler has been placed on administrative leave while we conduct a full and thorough review of what happened. We take this incident seriously and are committed to holding ourselves accountable. Our priority is always the safety of our community, and we are working to understand how this occurred and how to prevent something like it in the future.

This investigation is ongoing, and we will provide updates as appropriate.

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