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Verdicts & Settlements

6-year-old girl injured on cheek, jawline, scalp from dog

Defense alleges child had accidentally provoked dog by engaging in rough play

\$200,000

Defendant homeowner was baby-sitting plaintiff's minor, a 6-year-old girl, when the homeowner's dog,

an Alaskan Malamute, attacked and bit the girl. Plaintiff's minor incurred injuries including cuts to the right cheek and jawline, which have resulted in "train track" scars. In addition, the child lost hair to the right eyebrow and scalp.

The issue in the case was provocation, as it was alleged that plaintiff's minor had accidentally provoked



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the dog by playing with it in a rough fashion.

The matter settled for \$200,000.

Type of action: Personal injury/dog bite

Type of injuries: Face and scalp injuries, hair loss, scarring

Name of case: Confidential

Court/Case no./Date: St. Clair County Circuit Court; confidential; Nov. 20, 2013

Name of judge: Withheld

Settlement amount: \$200,000

Most helpful expert: Dr. Michael A. Carron, reconstructive surgery, Detroit

Insurance carrier: MEEMIC

Attorneys for plaintiff: Walid Y. Fakhoury, Andrew S. Khurana, Naim G. Younan

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