

Dog Control – Victim Statement of Incident

Incident: Attack on a person

Date statement taken: 2/02/23 at 13h00.

[REDACTED] Tauranga.

Officer details: Kiran Erasmus

Victims Full Name: William John Foot

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I am speaking to John Foot about an incident that occurred on possibly a Friday on about the 21<sup>st</sup> of October in the afternoon (between 1pm and 3pm) to the best of his memory. The incident occurred on Eden Crescent, Bethlehem, Tauranga.

Please describe the incident from start to finish...

Denese was walking at the end of Jacob Street, and we met on the berm (in between the parking spaces) on Eden Crescent and Jacob Street. I was on Eden Crescent walking east. I said hello and paused, put my hand (balled up my fist as I always do when I'm meeting dogs) in front of me and Fi just snapped at my hand. I said, "oh that was unexpected". And Denese said nothing. The dog gave no indication that it was about to do that (bite me). It is a quiet dog, not a yappy or jumpy dog, nothing to take offense about. The dog did nothing to indicate any aggression. It was a single bite to my right index finger knuckle. The dog snapped, bit and let go. There was only one puncture wound and very little blood. No bruising. The tooth only just penetrated my skin.

I didn't see any need to take it further. I was surprised at the unexpectedness of the bite but put it down to an isolated case and I hadn't suffered any significant or lasting injury.

This statement is true and correct, I have nothing further to add at this time.

Full Name: William John Foot

Signed:



Date: 02/02/2023