

Earlham Police Department Initial Contact/Complaint Report

Case Number: 2000031

Subject(s)	DOUG REYNOLDS 1031 HULL CT, EARLHAM, IA, 50072 (515) 314-2485
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OTHER	RHONDA BOWERS 120 SE MAPLE AVE, EARLHAM, IA, 50072
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Date / Time Reported:	Friday, May 8, 2020 at 16:30 hrs.		
Officer Notified:	5/8/2020 @ 16:30	0 Minutes	
Officer Enroute:	5/8/2020 @ 16:30	0 Minutes	
Officer Arrived:	N/A		
Officer Completed:	N/A		

Received By	Method Received	Category	Nature of Contact
Justin Sand	PBX	Investigation	Other

Location	1031 Hull Ct Earlham
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Summary	A dog belonging to Rhonda Bowers killed a goat belonging to Doug Reynolds.
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Details/Narrative	<p>On 05/08/2020 at approximately 1600, I returned a phone call to Doug Reynolds. Doug stated that a dog belonging to Rhonda Bowers came onto his property at 1031 Hull Ct and was antagonizing his goats and cattle. While on the property, the dog also killed a baby goat. Doug initially called the Madison County Sheriff's Office as he lives outside of the city limits. He then asked to speak to the Earlham Police Department as the dog lives within city limits.</p> <p>I advised Doug that as the incident occurred outside of city limits, there was very little that I could in regards to the death of his animal. I advised Chief Heimdal of the incident due to the fact that the dog may live inside of city limits and could meet the criteria for a vicious animal determination.</p> <p>I attempted to make contact with Rhonda at her residence but received no answer at the door. I called Doug back and asked if I could come out to his property to give him witness statements, take pictures of the animal, and advise him of the process going forward. I also advised him that he should keep an eye on his other animals as I was unable to determine if the dog has received a rabies vaccine. He did not know if any of his other animals were bitten.</p> <p>At approximately 1530 on 05/09/2020, I made contact with Rhonda regarding the incident that occurred with her dog. She stated that the dog had gotten out of the door when a visitor arrived. She also stated that she was told that the goat was worth around \$400 and that she had mailed a check for \$500 to pay for the goat. I advised Rhonda that due to the fact that her dog had killed another animal, I would be recommending a hearing to determine if the dog would be considered a vicious animal to Earlham city council but due to the circumstances of it happening outside of city limits that city council would need to make the decision if a hearing would be appropriate.</p>
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Status	Officer Assigned
Open	Justin Sand

**Earlham Police Department
Statement Form**

Name: Kayla Reynolds

D.O.B: 5-19-72

Address: 1031 Hull Ct, Earlham, IA 50072

Phone Number: 515-371-4029

D.L Number 958ZZ9689

Case Number (AGENCY USE ONLY): _____

Statement Concerning:

On Friday, May 8th, 2020 at approx. 2:20, a large white husky dog ran onto our property with the owners trailing behind. The Mom & son were trying to catch their dog. I joined in the chase hoping to help since we have livestock and I didn't want them spooked. Together we chased the dog all around for around 30 minutes. We could get close to the dog but not catch him. The dog was very interested in the livestock. He would run along the fences where they were at. He ran to the back of our pasture where 2 cows & calves were. I didn't see it but Dillon (the son) told me that one of the cows went after the dog when the dog got near its calf. At around 2:50 the dog got into a goat pen that has mamas & baby kids. Within seconds the dog injured a baby goat. I was further back but saw the dog run in, & then heard a baby goat cry out. The owners were able to then catch their dog. The owner then carried the baby goat out to me and it was clear the goats neck was broken. It died shortly after.

This is the second time this dog has come on our property & the owners have not been able to catch it quickly. I'm concerned it will be back & do more harm if it gets in a pen when no one is around. I'm also concerned for

Signature: Kayla Reynolds
Date: 5-10-20

other animals & people's safety. The owner of the dog is Rhonda Bowers. Her & her son Dillon were here chasing the dog. Rhonda & Dillon were both upset this happened, apologized & offered to pay for the goat.

**Earlham Police Department
Statement Form**

Name: Doug Reynolds

D.O.B: 8-18-71

Address: 1031 Hull Court, Earlham, IA

Phone Number: 515-374-2485

D.L Number _____

Case Number (AGENCY USE ONLY): _____

Statement Concerning:

Last fall, we had the Bowers dog on our property for about 1 hour chasing our cattle and attempting to get into our goat pens. On Friday, May 8 - the dog was on our property again. The son, Dillon Bowers and his mom, Rhonda Bowers were on our property chasing the dog for approximately 45 minutes. We tried to assist as well. The dog is wild, doesn't obey orders, and attempts to chase livestock and get in pens with our livestock. Before we could capture the dog last Friday, it got into one of our goat pens and viciously killed one of our baby goats. Because the Bowers live in the city limits of Earlham, the dog clearly gets loose and runs around town as well.

Because of what I have personally witnessed, twice, the dog's behavior is dangerous to other people and animals. ~~And~~ clearly the owners are unable to contain this dog on their own property.

We ask the Earlham City Council to address this situation. Thank you.

Signature: _____

Date: 5-10-2020

