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DANGEROUS DOG ATTACK LEADS TO CHARGES AGAINST OWNER

A Mary Esther man is charged with a first degree misdemeanor for allowing his blue Pit Bull dog to attack another pet after the Pit Bull had been declared and classified as a dangerous animal.

Okaloosa Sheriff's Deputy Lori Yanna says 33-year old Jermaine Ellis Richardson of 18 Mary Esther Drive is charged under Florida Statute 767.13.1 with crimes against person, attack by known dangerous dog.

A woman says she was walking her Border Collie mix "Sophie" in a public park Monday, April 2nd, when her dog was attacked by two unleashed dogs, including Richardson's pit bull "Xion". Xion had previously been declared dangerous by the Okaloosa Dangerous Dog Review Board on April 14, 2010.

The woman positively identified Xion as the dog that attacked her pet by his coloring and the easily distinguishable white blaze on his face. She is also one of Richardson's neighbors and recognized him and the dogs as being residents of 18 Mary Esther Drive.

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