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Police: Shot Fired At Dog Hits Neighbor

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Police investigating another incident nearby heard the gunfire and found a woman shot.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- A woman was arrested Sunday evening after a shot she fired at a dog attacking her son hit a neighbor, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Police said a boy was playing outside in the 8000 block of Ken Road on the Westside about 5 p.m. when his mother heard him crying. She told officers that when she got outside and saw what appeared to be a pit bull attacking her son, she grabbed her gun and fired.

"The mother grabbed a 9-mm firearm, fired at the dog, missed the dog and the bullet ricocheted and traveled across the street and hit the trailer," JSO Lt. Ron Norse said.

The bullet went through the wall of a nearby mobile home and stuck a woman in the back as she was holding her 18-month-old child.

Officers investigating a previous crime in the neighborhood hear the gunshot and responded. The victim was taken to Shands-Jacksonville Medical Center where officials said she was recovering.

While police said the neighbor's shooting was unintended, the woman who fired the shot could be charged with culpable negligence and discharging a firearm in public.

Police did not release the names of either the victim or the woman who fired the shot.

Officers said the dog was gone when they arrived.

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