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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dangerous Dog Owner

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Dear Chief Abell,

Sadly, it is my understanding that there was a recent incident where Oliver, a dog living at 408 32<sup>nd</sup> St. attacked and killed another dog. If this is true, then I feel it is important that I let you know that I am aware of several other incidents involving this dog over the past 3 years, including one involving my own dog. Unfortunately, this is not a "one time, out of the ordinary, accident."

Until last November 24, 2019, I lived at \_\_\_\_\_ where I had lived with my dog, a sweet, 40 lb. female golden doodle. I lived there with her for 8 years. She recently passed away at age 13. I regularly walked my dog in the neighborhood and down to the strand. One Saturday or Sunday morning, I was returning up the hill, on 32<sup>nd</sup> street, to my house and Oliver, who was not on a leash, charged at my dog (who was 11 at the time), and jumped on her barking and menacing. I pulled my dog away and yelled at the owner, Peter Gordon, who was standing nearby chatting to another neighbor, to get his dog under control, at which time, he pulled Oliver off my dog, who was also barking. Peter said that Oliver, was "just a puppy and energetic." Mind you, Oliver was at that time, at least 50 lbs. and was not looking to be friendly. I told him that even if Oliver was "friendly", he could not assume that my dog was and that there are leash laws for this purpose. Peter then indicated that the issue was mine, and that I was overreacting. At the time, I made note that Peter was not a responsible dog owner, and that I would never again put my dog at risk around him or Oliver. I also noted that Peter's lack of attention to his dog nor his intention of leashing him meant that unfortunately, there would be more incidents, that may not end as well.

Since that incident, I regularly looked to see if Oliver was out and off-leash, which he regularly was. I would consciously, walk around the block to avoid the area, and informed anyone who also walked my dog to avoid 32<sup>nd</sup> and Vista if Oliver was out. It annoyed me that I was unable to walk my dog safely in my own neighborhood.

Unfortunately, I hear that a family lost their pet as a result of Peter and his family's irresponsibility. I am an animal lover. I have always had a dog. I believe that there is no such thing as a bad dog, only bad dog owners. The Gordon's should not be allowed to keep Oliver. He needs to be relocated to an owner who is willing and capable of keeping Oliver away from other dogs, cats and children.

I've also heard that the Gordon's are planning on moving. If, this is the case, no other community should have to deal with this same issue.

Thank you for considering this when making a decision on consequences for the Gordon's actions.

**Jennifer Williams**

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