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The San Francisco Police Department's Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit (<u>SFPD VDDU</u>) is investigating a dog bite incident that occurred outside of a grocery store on the unit block of Masonic Avenue on June 19, 2019 at approximately 9:00AM.

The victim, a three year-old, San Francisco boy was entering the store with his guardian when an unattended dog lunged and bit the child in the hand in what was described as an unprovoked dog bite. The child was injured and is currently undergoing a preventative regimen of rabies vaccinations.

Following the dog bite, the child's guardian contacted the store manager who used the store's public address system to make an announcement. The person responsible for the dog returned to the scene but fled with the dog without providing any identification information or information on the dog's vaccination records. The dog was described as a light colored Pug-type dog with black spots.

Photos of the suspect accompany this news release.

The SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and dog involved in this incident. The public is also reminded that the law requires the owner or guardian of a dog to provide their identifying information in the event of a dog bite.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the SFPD VDDU at $\underline{1-415-553-9182}$ or the SFPD 24 hour tip line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD.

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