## Judge Piotrowski renders decision in dangerous dog hearing

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Family of Pug displayed this sign at a Cheektowaga Town Board meeting Tuesday night. Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle

CHEEKTOWAGA – Cheektowaga Town Justice Paul Piotrowski has decided a dangerous dog hearing which was brought to the court following the deadly mauling of a South Cheektowaga dog.

Cheektowaga Police Assistant Chief Michael Sliwinski tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that the case wrapped up in town court Thursday.

According to the court summons, four dogs associated with 808 Borden Road attacked a 7-year-old Puggle, aptly named Pug last month.

The four dogs, Asia, Diamond, Princess, and Sudan, "tore open and breached" a wooden stockade fence separating the Borden Road address and the Puggle's Castlewood Drive backyard and began to attack the small dog the documents said.

When a neighbor tried to intervene, Sudan bit the man. He sought treatment at Erie County Medical Center for multiple dog bites.

Town Justice Paul S. Piotrowski deemed the four dogs in question to be dangerous Thursday.

Mr. Sliwinski says additional aggravating factors led to Justice Piotrowski ordering that the four dogs be humanely euthanized.

The Puggle's owner, Sarah and Charles Kegler told Cheektowaga Chronicle that they learned of other events involving the dogs while the family was going doorto-door in their neighborhood collecting signatures for a petition to remove the dogs after the violent attack.

"They've dug holes, they've blasted through [fences], they've gotten neighbor's cats," Mr. Kegler said. "The dogs have already killed other animals and bitten other people."

The dog owners have 30 days to appeal the decision.

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