

City of Madison Police Incident Reports

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Incident report for Case#2012-17046	
Incident Type	Assist Citizen
Incident Date	01/19/2012 - 7:13 PM
Address	North Police District
Victim	Female, age 31, Madison
Details	<p>Members of a Madison book club could write their own non-fiction following last week's meeting. Their narrative would involve a 17-year old protagonist named Annie.</p> <p>She was known as a non-aggressive teen, but on this dark winter's night, with bone-chilling cold and the threat of inches of powdery snow on the way, she was likely feeling pretty hungry.</p> <p>The hour has slipped past 7:00 p.m., and it had been some time since she had last eaten.</p> <p>It was around this very hour that house guests began to arrive. They had come to socialize, talk about daily events, and of course, to chat about chapter and verse.</p> <p>Annie was about to quickly become intertwined with the women's book club.</p> <p>It happened quickly, when one member looked down, and decided to pick her up.</p> <p>Soon police and paramedics would be at the door.</p> <p>You see, Annie is a snake, a ball python to be exact. Or, some would say a royal python as Cleopatra supposedly wore one around her wrist - so another story goes. In captivity pythons are considered good pets, as they rarely bite.</p> <p>According to an officer's report, the well-intended book club member, who plucked Annie from her aquarium, had prior experience handling snakes and had no reason to believe she was putting herself in danger.</p> <p>But like many a narrative, this one was about to take a strange twist. .</p> <p>When first responders arrived, Annie was found attached to the right cheek</p>

of the book club member, and she wasn't letting go.

Her owner returned home, and was able to get Annie dislodged from the face of the 31-year old who had just hoped to hold her.

Annie went back to aquarium. The woman went to get bite wounds disinfected.

It was sort of a happy ending as she ended up with no scars, and no lasting emotional trauma. As for the book club, all members came away with a real-life story: one likely to be remembered long after the words of the book they gathered to discuss have faded.

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