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**Dogbite - The plaintiff (a 12 year old boy) was brutally mauled by a neighbor's dog who chewed the boy's calf – the neighbor (a local cop) postured the dog (Trashcan the pitbull) was a beloved and gentle family pet – the jury in Pascagoula found for the plaintiff and awarded \$400,000 in damages**

*McLarty v. Lias, 23-27*

Plaintiff: Matthew S. Lott and William B. Bidwell, *Lott Law Firm*, Pascagoula

Defense: NeShondria D. Ellerby, *Ellerby Law Firm*, Moss Point

Verdict: \$400,000 for plaintiff

Court: **Jackson**

Judge: Kathy King Jackson

Date: 5-21-24

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Christopher McLarty, then age 12, lives on Porpoise Drive in the Gulf Parks Estates neighborhood in Ocean Springs. His neighbors are Ray (he's a Moss Point police officer) and Amanda Elias. They own a pitbull breed named Trashcan. The Eliases describe Trashcan as a beloved and gentle family pet. Christopher had a different experience.

Christopher was walking home on the afternoon of 1-1-23 when

Trashcan charged him. The dog bit Christopher on the buttocks and legs. This resulted in several puncture wounds.

Then some sixty days later on 2-19-23, Trashcan struck again. Christopher was walking on the street when Trashcan bit him on the calf. There was proof the dog chewed through part of Christopher's calf muscle. The boy spent five days in the hospital and underwent nine