

Girl Killed By Dogs

ISHPEMING, Mich. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl was mauled to death and partially eaten by neighborhood dogs after she stepped off her school bus and walked toward home, state police say.

The body of **Angie Nickerson** was discovered in the snow Thursday by a woman delivering mail in the tiny, unincorporated town of National Mine, south of Ishpeming in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, state police said.

"It appears she had been chewed upon, right down to the bone," said Sgt. Greg Tait. "Based on what the doctor saw, he says it resembles a shark attack."

Residents said roaming dogs always had been a problem in National Mine.

"It's so horrible. We don't want to believe it," said Annie Trudell at a country store across the street from where the girl was killed. "They're our neighborhood dogs."

No one saw the attack but two dogs — one owned by a close relative of Nickerson — were ripping at the child's clothing when state police officers arrived, said Sgt. Paul Numikowski at the Negaunee post.

Officers killed the dogs — a huskie and a German shepherd, he said. They still were searching for a third dog seen in the general area, Numikowski said.

The child got off the bus from her morning kindergarten class at 11:30 a.m. and was found by the mailbox

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On Thursday the Industrial average climbed 2,265.71.

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outside her home two hours later, state police said.

"Nobody heard anything but dogs barking. We hear that all of the time," Trudell said.

She said she and other residents won't feel safe until police prove they have the right animals by examining their stomach contents.

"She was eaten. It could be any of them," Trudell said.

An autopsy on the animals was scheduled for today, Numikowski said.

Roaming dog packs hadn't been reported as a problem in rural Marquette County, said workers at the state police post, sheriff's department and county Humane Society.

"It doesn't do any good," Trudell said. "We had called for years. There's nobody here to enforce the dog laws."

Tilden Township doesn't have an animal control officer. Larry Snell, the animal control officer for neighboring Ishpeming Township, said he worked part-time for about two weeks last year patrolling Tilden Township.

"I heard people saying National Mine does have a problem with dogs running loose, but I just didn't have time to work that second job," Snell said.

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Butter prices were unchanged Thursday. AA 1.3050-1.3200; A 1.3000-1.3200.

Eggs: Trade sentiment steady to firm Thursday, sales delivered to volume buyers were higher. A Extra large 82-85; A large 80-85 A mediums 73-78.

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit loose egg prices for Thursday: Jumbo 83-86, extra large 75-80, large 74-78, medium 66-71, small 52-57.

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- Kroger
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GRAND RAPIDS, Senior citizens who police in Grand Rapids for the last three years identify trends through the County, authorities said.

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**Michigan****Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated Currentness. Chapter 287. Animal Industry; Wolf-dog Cross Act**[Statute Details](#)[Printable Version](#)**Citation: MI ST 287.1001 - 1023****Citation: M.C.L.A. 287.1001 - 1023****Last Checked by Web Center Staff: 01/10**

Summary: This Michigan law bans acquisition and possession of wolf-dog hybrids, though it "grandfathered" animals already owned as pets at the time of the law's enactments. In order to maintain public safety and animal welfare, the state created a strict permit system for those owners who were allowed to keep their already-existing pets.

Statute in Full:**287.1001. Short title**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "wolf-dog cross act" and is enacted in memory of Angie Nickerson.

CREDIT(S)

P.A.2000, No. 246, § 1, Imd. Eff. June 29, 2000.

287.1002. Definitions

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Animal control officer" means a county animal control officer as described in sections 29a and 29b of the dog law of 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289a and 287.289b, or a city, village, or township animal control officer as described in section 29c of the dog law of 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289c.

(b) "Animal control shelter" or "animal protection shelter" means an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, respectively, registered with the department under section 6 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.336.

(c) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

(d) "Dog" means an animal of the species *Canis familiaris* or *Canis lupus familiaris*.

(e) "Expert on wolf-dog cross identification" means an individual who has, cumulatively, at least 10 years of training and field experience in wolf and wolf-dog



cross behavioral and morphological characteristics and who is recognized as an expert at the state and national levels by others in the same field.

(f) "Facility" means an indoor or outdoor cage, pen, or similar enclosure where a wolf-dog cross is kept.

(g) "Law enforcement officer" means:

(i) A sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

(ii) A village or township marshal.

(iii) An officer of the police department of a city, village, or township.

(iv) An officer of the Michigan state police.

(v) A peace officer who is trained and certified under the commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.616.

(vi) A conservation officer appointed by the department of natural resources.

(vii) An animal control officer.

(viii) A law enforcement officer of the federal government authorized to enforce any federal law regulating animals.

(h) "Livestock" means that term as defined in section 5 of the animal industry act of 1987, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.705.

(i) "Local unit" means a city, village, township, or county.

(j) "Permit" means a permit issued under section 4. [FN1]

(k) "Permitting agency" means the agency of a local unit that issues permits under section 4.

(l) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(m) "Pet shop" means a pet shop licensed by the department under section 3 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.333.

(n) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(o) "Wolf" means an animal of the species *Canis rufus* or *Canis lupus*, but does not include an animal of the species *Canis lupus familiaris*.

(p) "Wolf-dog cross" means a canid resulting from the breeding of any of the following:

(i) A wolf with a dog.

(ii) A wolf-dog cross with a wolf.

(iii) A wolf-dog cross with a dog.

(iv) A wolf-dog cross with a wolf-dog cross.

[FN1] M.C.L.A. § 287.1004.

CREDIT(S)

P.A.2000, No. 246, § 2, Imd. Eff. June 29, 2000.

287.1003. Prohibited acts

Sec. 3. (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Possess a wolf-dog cross except in compliance with this act.

(b) Breed a wolf-dog cross.

Angie Nickerson, 5 Years Old

National Mine, Michigan
Mauled to death by "adopted out" wolf hybrid

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HUMAN OBITUARIES

November 2000

Obituary - Patti Nickerson Manning

Patti Nickerson Manning, 40, was found shot to death at her home in Richmond Township, Michigan, on September 21, after her second husband Donald Manning, 44, told police he had killed her. Donald Manning was charged with murder, held without bond in the Marquette County Jail, and may face life in prison if convicted. Patti Nickerson Manning had four children with her first husband, Dale Nickerson, whom she divorced in the mid-1980s. On March 2, 1989, on a subzero day in National Mine, Michigan, her five-year-old daughter Angie got off her school bus between her own home and that of her grandparents, across the street, and was fatally mauled by a Malamute/wolf hybrid who was adopted from an animal shelter and given to her aunt Tammi Alderton by a boyfriend five days earlier. Angie's partially eaten remains were not found for more than an hour because each family thought she had gone to the home of the other. After a series of bitter lawsuits among the family members, Nickerson Manning fought for legislation to prohibit owning and breeding wolf hybrids and other dangerous pets. Michigan finally adopted the law she wanted in July 2000.

<http://newspaper.animalpeopleforum.org/2000/11/01/human-obituaries-41/>

Battle Creek Enquirer

May 25, 1997

LANSING - The school bus driver noticed a dog coming down the hill as 5-year-old Angie Marie Nickerson got off the bus one March afternoon. Dogs aren't an unusual sight in the Upper Peninsula community of National Mine, and the driver didn't give it another thought Angie headed for her house, and the bus pulled away. Somewhere during her 100 foot walk to the front door, the "dog"- actually a neighbor's wolfdog hybrid - struck. He dragged the brown-haired youngster away from the house, mauling her as he went. Then he killed her. Angie's uncle found the animal still crouched over his niece after following a trail of torn clothing a mail carrier had tacked a person in Michigan, he said that attacks by wolf hybrids make people less likely to tolerate wolves in the state, endangering the wolf recovery program. If Michigan passes the legislation, it would join the 13 states that already prohibit the ownership of wolf hybrids and the nine that regulate ownership...

Lansing State Journal

May 15, 1997

In the eight years since Angie's death, Nickerson, who now lives in Palmer, has tried to ban people from owning wolf hybrids in Michigan. Now, a three-bill package that would ban private ownership not only of wolf hybrids but of exotic native and wild cats, bears and primates is about to be introduced. Rep. Gerald Law, a Plymouth Republican sponsoring the package, said he expects the bills to go to committee before lawmakers leave for their summer break in June or July. "It's silly to sit and do nothing and then have another person killed and say, Why didn't we do something?" he said. "It's a problem you can't ignore. It's getting worse." Owners who now

have such pets could keep them, but would have to obtain an annual permit and inspection of the animals' housing and care to keep them. They also would have to have the animals sterilized and identified with tattoos or microchips. Dog trainer Cheryl Carlson, owner of Cher Car Kennels in Lansing, said the bills are well-intended but won't do what the sponsors hope. - "It's not going to stop dog attacks, and it's not going to keep children from being hurt," she said...

Woman whose daughter's death fueled anti-wolf-dog fight killed

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — A woman who became an anti wolf-dog activist after her 5-year-old daughter's mauling death has been shot to death.

In part because of the activism of Patti Nickerson Manning and others, the Legislature approved a ban on sales of the breed, effective in July.

On Saturday, police found the 40-year-old Manning dead in her home in Marquette County's Richmond Township. They arrested her 44-year-old husband. He was being held without bond in the Marquette County Jail while awaiting arraignment.

State police Sgt. Joseph O'Hagan from the Negaunee post said Sunday that the husband had been charged but he did not know the exact charges.

Marquette County Central Dispatch received a 911 call about 5:30 a.m. from a man who said his wife had been shot.

"He said he fatally shot his wife," O'Hagan told The Mining Journal of Marquette.

Troopers and police from the Forsyth Township and Negaunee police departments found

Angie was attacked and killed March 2, 1989 by an animal she said was a wolf-dog hybrid. She was consulted by the Legislature in the development of a law that bans Michigan residents from buying wolf-dog hybrids.

The law requires permits and strict handling guidelines for those who already have hybrids.

Supporters of the new law say at least five Michigan children have been killed by wolf-dog hybrids in the past 19 years.



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Robert Carter of Kenton, Michigan. Her children are Barbara (John) Kushwara, Scott Carter, Mark Carter, and Linda (Peter) Lassing. Grandchildren are Heather, Shannon, Jason, Chad, Brian, Kyle, Ashley, and Larissa. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Clint. Helen was a retired employee of Milwaukee County General Hospital who moved to Kenton with her husband Robert in 1985. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and she was a charter member of the Sunset Circle in Iron River. Helen was past First Lady and secretary of the Northern Michigan unit of the Airstream Travel Group. Helen was [born](#) on June 2, 1923 in Mikana, Wisconsin, daughter of Henry and Martha Ertel. She spent her last years in her home on the Stoney Creek in Kenton, surrounded by her family and friends, while traveling with her husband to Florida in the wintertime. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 27, 2:00 pm, at Wandersee Funeral Home in Bruce Crossing, Michigan. The family requests that donations be made in lieu of flowers to the Shriner's Childrens' Hospitals, in care of the Marquette Ahmed Temple.

Patti J. Nickerson-Manning

RICHMOND TWP. - Patti J. Nickerson-Manning, age 40 of Richmond Twp., died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000 at her home. Patti was [born](#) September 9, 1960 in Petosky, MI to Ella (Cairns) and the late Robert Densmore. She moved to this area in 1965 and resided here since. Patti had worked at the Richmond Township Club a bartender. Patti worked tirelessly to ban hybrid wolf-dog breeding & ownership, and most recently had such law passed in the State of Michigan, which she dedicated to the memory of her daughter Angie Nickerson, who was killed in a wolf-dog attack in 1989. Survivors include 2 sons, Jason (Trecia Arnaiz) Nickerson of Ishpeming, and Jessi Nickerson of Greene, ME; a daughter, Samantha Manning of Palmer, her mother Ella Alderton of National Mine, 4 sisters, Elaine (Steve) Anderson of Ishpeming, Marsha (Richard) Fraser of Ishpeming, Penny (Dean) Carlson of Ishpeming and Tami (Mike) Daily of National Mine, 2 brothers, Fred VanLuven of National Mine and Mike Alderton of Ishpeming, a grandson Matthew Dylan Nickerson of Ishpeming, a step sister Sandy (Greg) LeClair of National Mine, an uncle George (Betty) Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie, MI., along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in [death](#) by her daughter Angie Nickerson in 1989, her father Robert Densmore and her step-father Fred Alderton. Funeral services will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday September 27, 2000 at th Bjork & Zhulkie Funeral Home with the Rev. D. Michael Carriere to officiate. Inurnment will be in the Ishpeming Cemetery. Friends may call at the Bjork & Zhulkie Funeral Home from 4 until 7PM on Wednesday. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Johnson, Jack Katajamaki, Kenny St. Aubin, Dale Nickerson, Andrew Wrenn and Hans Pergande. A luncheon will follow the service at the Lil Larson American Legion Post, Greenwood Location.

Robert Alan Koch

GRAND HAVEN -- Mr. Robert Alan Koch, age 59, of Grand Haven [died](#) Monday, September 25, 2000. He was [born](#) on December 8, 1940, in