

Postman suffers fatal cardiac arrest 'caused by dog attack' as he carried out mail rounds the week before

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A postman has died after suffering a brutal dog attack last week.

Robert Rochester was doing the rounds on his Stanton, Delaware collection route last Thursday when the German Shepherd began biting him.

He was rushed to hospital where he was kept in overnight for treatment, having suffered serious injuries.

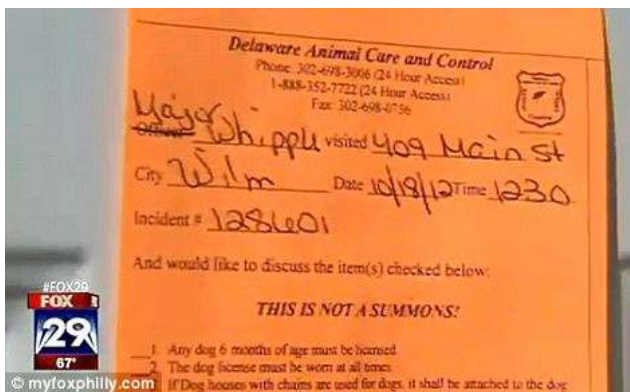


Robert Rochester died of a heart attack on Thursday, one week after suffering severe dog bite injuries

But in the days after being released Rochester suffered complications that are thought to be linked to the attack.

Late on Thursday the 55-year-old went into cardiac arrest at his New Castle home and was once again rushed to hospital where he was declared dead at around 2am.

The dog in question, 12-year-old Roma, was dragged off Rochester at which point it began attacking another dog, being walked nearby.



A notice posted on the front door of the dog's owner's home indicates that it has been quarantined

Police officers shot it three times and it has since been quarantined with a veterinarian, Major Brian Whipple of the Kent County SPCA told Delaware Online.

Whipple added that investigators are awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine if the dog attack led to Rochester's death.

No charges have been filed against the dog's owner and authorities said they had no former complaints against them or their animals.



Police attended the scene of the attack, shooting the dog three times

A second dog, a Black Russian Terrier, was initially believed to have been involved in the attack but it has since been determined that the only aggressor was the German Shepherd.

Ray Daiutolo Sr, a regional spokesperson for the U.S. Postal Service, said Rochester had worked for the postal service for about eight years.

'We are deeply saddened,' he said in a statement.