

## UPDATE: WEST VIRGINIA AUTHORITIES KILL BLACK BEAR NEAR MAULING SCENE

*Posted on June 11, 2019 by Tyler Barker*



TENNERTON, W.Va. (AP) - The West Virginia Division of National Resources has killed a bear that may have been responsible for mauling a woman.

The Inter-Mountain reports an adult black bear was killed Friday night about 900 yards from where 66-year-old Opal Gillespie was mauled in her backyard. She sustained lacerations on her head and neck, along with bruising on her upper body.

The woman was attacked by a bear that killed one of her small dogs after she let them out onto her back deck at 1:30 a.m. on May 31 in Upshur County.

Natural Resources Police Officer Tanner Collins says the bear appeared to match the woman's description, but DNA samples are being tested to prove it.

-----  
UPSHUR COUNTY, W.Va. ([WCHS/WVAH Reports](#)) — A woman was mauled and one of her dogs was killed Friday by a 150-pound black bear in Upshur County.

The incident happened about 1 a.m. in the unincorporated community of Tennerton, said Capt. Doug Benson of the West Virginia Natural Resources Police.

Benson said the 66-year-old woman had let her two dogs outside, and she didn't see the bear that



was on the back deck of her home.

The bear tried to leave the yard and was in the path of the dogs. One of the dogs was killed, and the bear knocked the woman down.

Benson said the woman suffered multiple lacerations and was transported to the hospital. She is expected to recover from her injuries.

The DNR has set traps for the bear and is trying to track it. [WCHS/WVAH](#)