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| **Headline** | **Local Man Bites Dog** |
| **Byline** | **Rhonda A. Reporter** |
| **The Lead****(Most Important Facts)** | **Yesterday, March 22nd, in a stunning turn of events, local postman Claude Smith was attacked by a dog while walking his mail route through Eastside neighborhood. What was unusual about this attack is that Smith decided to bite the dog back.** |
| **Supporting Paragraph #1** | **Smith was taken to Mercy Hospital, where he was treated and released. The dog, a French poodle named Viper, was taken to a nearby vet clinic and received three stitches.** |
| **Supporting Paragraph #2** | **Mrs. Javits, Viper’s owner, was quoted as saying, “I don’t know what got into that dog today. Usually, she is so gentle.” Mrs. Javits received a ticket from the police for not keeping Viper on a leash.** |
| **Conclusion** | **It’s not unusual for postmen to be bitten by dogs. According to the United States Postal Service, about 5,000 dog bites happen yearly\*. Smith stated that despite his bite, he will be back on the job tomorrow.**(\*Source: USPS, 2018) |