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Lauderdale woman sues pit bull owners in Victoria Park attack

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FORT LAUDERDALE - A Fort Lauderdale woman injured in an attack by two pit bulls last month in Victoria Park on Friday filed a lawsuit against the dogs' owners, her lawyer said.

Kailen Gonzalez, 25, of Fort Lauderdale, filed the complaint in Broward Circuit Court against Katarzyna Zalewski and her husband, Marek, both of Fort Lauderdale.

Gonzalez's attorney, Sam Coffey, said her face was scarred by dog bites she sustained in a May 20 attack as she and her brother were walking three dogs. She said

the Zalewski couple's dogs pounced on her, killed a dog she was dog-sitting and hurt another.

Coffey said Gonzalez wants compensation for her injuries and medical bills, and "intends to allow a jury to determine the value of this claim."

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Katarzyna Zalewski couldn't be reached for comment Friday despite a phone call. But she earlier this month

disputed Gonzalez's claim, saying her pit bulls, Bobby and Shelbi, were provoked to attack on her property.

Under Broward County's dangerous dog ordinance, the pit bulls were euthanized.



Bobby and Shelbi (Broward County's Animal Care and Regulation Division)