**Armed robbery story version 1**

By Mark Webber

An extra-thick diaper may have saved a baby’s life during an armed robbery of a Riverview homeowner Sunday night.

Two armed robbers broke into Grace Ford’s house at 11:30 p.m. and found Ford, 20, sitting in the living room with her sister Cynthia, 16, and Brandi, 10 months old, who was in her playpen. The men began pushing them from room to room, taking $5,000 worth of jewelry.

That’s when the family’s dog, a Rottweiler named Elka, began barking and the robbers fired three times, but missed.

Brandi began crying, and Ford picked her up and found a bullet hole in her diaper. The bullet was not found.

“There was about an inch left to the diaper that it didn’t pierce,” Ford said. “They were extra thick.”

Neighbors heard the shots and called sheriff’s deputies, but the men got away in a car that was waiting in a nearby cemetery.

According to a sheriff’s report, both men were described as white, from 18 to 20 years old and of medium height and weight. One man was wearing a ski mask and jogging pants with the letters “UF” (for University of Florida) on the side. The other wore a white shirt and a baseball cap.

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**Armed robbery story version 2**

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Armed robbers stole $5,000 worth of jewelry from a homeowner in Riverview late Sunday night.

The two men burst into Grace Ford’s house at 11:30 p.m., and found Ford, 20, sitting in the front room with her baby Brandi, 10 months old, and her sister, Cynthia, 16, and began pushing them from room to room, finding the jewelry.

That’s when Elka, the family’s pet Rottweiler, began barking. The robbers fired three shots, missing, but one of the bullets struck Brandi’s diaper, leaving a hole.

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