

# Vicious Pit Bull attack sends two teens to ER

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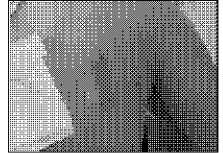
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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY:** A vicious Pit Bull attack sent two Port Charlotte teenagers to the emergency room. It seemed neither girl could escape the dog until a driver came to their rescue. Ultimately, it took nearly a dozen officers tried to stop the dog.

Fourteen-year-olds Chelsea Stinson and Lisa Baltrusch both have pet Pit Bulls and they love the breed. But neither expected that love would be tested when they came across a young Pit Bull on their way back from the beach.

"It seemed so friendly just wagging its tail," said Stinson.

The girls say the one-year-old Pit Bull instantly turned violent. The dog started ripping their clothes and clenching down.

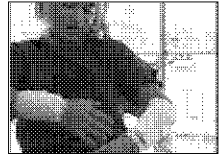


"It just chewed my arm up. I have holes down to the bone," said Stinson.

They say the attack was relentless.

"He got my flesh. I guess he wanted more," said Baltrusch.

"I have holes in my arms, stitches on my leg, took my shirt, jaw marks there and my hand is swollen," said Stinson.



The girls say they were starting to fear for their lives when a car finally stopped and the driver, Richard Carmichael, sprung into action.

"Trying to find something to beat the dog with," said Stinson. "This guy came up with a car seat and hit the dog with a car seat."

But the Pit Bull didn't flinch.

"The dog followed her into the car, started attacking her in the car, she came out the other side and ran towards me," said Carmichael.

"If that guy wouldn't have stopped to help us, I don't know what we'd have done. That dog would have eaten us. He locked its jaws," said Stinson.

When both girls were safely in the car, Carmichael said the Pit Bull's real rage began.

"The dog went absolutely crazy - absolutely wanted to get in this car. He didn't want me or anyone, just wanted to get in the car at these girls," said Carmichael.

It took nearly a dozen police officers and a taser to finally control the Pit Bull.

The dog is currently caged at Animal Control and the owner's name has not been released.