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# Brother-in-law charged in assault on retarded mom

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Lubbock Police Capt. Frank Wiley said genetic fingerprinting tests taken moments after the baby's birth provided enough evidence to file charges against Wooten. But he declined to say if the tests determined that Wooten fathered the child.

Wooten was one of 11 men who gave blood samples to investigators. The others were employees of the Lubbock State School for the Mentally Retarded, where Ms. Thomas lived.

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