

**SERIOUS BUSINESS:** A Huntington Beach police officer aims his pistol toward the entrance of the JoAnn fabric store Tuesday. Someone can be seen through the window of a PizzaHut at right. Two Costa Mesa jewelry-store robbery suspects had ducked inside the fabric shop.

# Jeweler shoots, foils robbery of store

**CRIME:** Four are in custody after the aborted holdup. 'I'm not going to take it anymore,' the victim says.

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Jeweler Ron Ceresani ran into the parking lot after four armed robbers, firing four times at their fleeing Cadillac, shattering a window.

"I've gotten robbed four times, and I'm not getting robbed again," he said. "I'm not going to take it anymore."

The robbers sped from Winston's Jewelers in Costa Mesa to Huntington Beach, gathering a trail of police, helicopters and a SWAT team. Shoppers meandering the aisles of the JoAnn fabric store and Mervyns at Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue found themselves surrounded by police with guns drawn. Hundreds of shoppers, neighbors and passers-by watched.

An hour later, police had all



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**SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS:** Members of a police SWAT team move into the JoAnn fabric store Tuesday in search of robbery suspects.

four suspects in custody. They were charged with armed robbery and carjacking and taken to Costa Mesa jail.

The four suspects allegedly stole \$150,000 worth of Rolex watches after pulling handguns



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**IT'S ALL OVER:** One of four suspects is handcuffed. Police removed his shoes to make it harder for him to run away.

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