

12-year-old girl tries to rob store at gunpoint; workers thought hoax when 'tween pointed 9mm

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A 12-year-old girl was arrested for trying to rob a convenience store at gunpoint.

A 12-year-old girl was arrested at a [Michigan](#) convenience store after she walked in, pointed a loaded gun at an employee behind the counter and demanded cash.

An employee at the [Country Lake Food Center](#) in Highland, Mich., told 911 dispatchers she thought the pre-teen thief was just playing an imaginary game of "Cops and Robbers."

"She pointed a gun to me. I thought it was a joke at first," the unidentified employee said on the 911 call.

The girl was wearing a scarf over her face and black clothes, witnesses told [Detroit's WJBX](#) television.

Eventually, the employee said, she grabbed the girl's arm, while another worker pinned her to the floor. The pint-sized perp could be heard crying in the background of the 911 call.

Cops said the girl stole the 9mm handgun from a neighbor's house.

The girl was charged as a juvenile with armed robbery and was being held at a children's detention center. She could also face charges for stealing the gun, cops said.

Sources said the girl may have family problems. A spokesman from the [Oakland County](#) sheriff's office said the girl's parents were going through a divorce.

"That's pretty incredible, someone that young starting out like this," one shopper told WJBX. "That's not very good."