

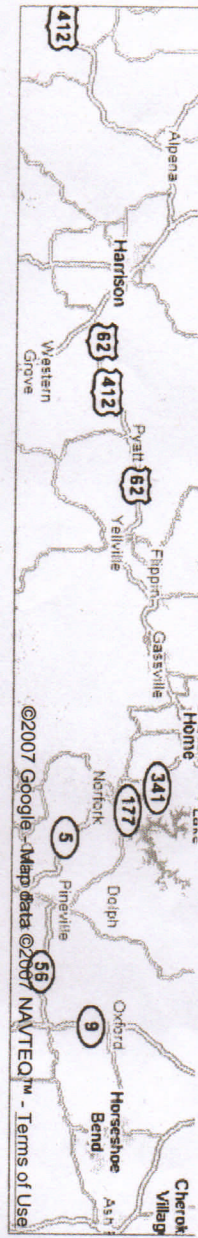
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Girl, 12, Admits Theft of Purse

Several recent house prowlings are believed to have been solved by police with the arrest of a 12-year-old girl whom they have referred to Juvenile Court.

The girl, observed descending the stairway at the home of Mrs. Janet L. Mendenhall, 1007 Lake, Tuesday afternoon, reportedly said she was looking for "Kathy," and walked out of the house. Police Officer Willard Dawson arrested her a few minutes later at a shopping center, where a member of the Mendenhall family again had observed the girl.

Questioned by Juvenile Officer Richard Bravo, the girl admitted taking a purse from the Mendenhall home. However, the purse was not recovered. Bravo also questioned her about a similar incident at the home of Esther M. Gust, 511 Belmont, several days ago, and a third incident, involving theft of \$20 at the home of Maryanne Urioste, 1515 Cedar, on Nov. 26.



It was 2-3 hours later I passed her at Drugstore on Ormant Northern Saw her some blue coat Not Mrs Janet as she was 15 yrs old