

5 arrested in robbery at Port Charlotte CVS

Staff report

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Five people have been arrested in connection with Wednesday's reported robbery at a Port Charlotte CVS store, where a woman was reportedly choked and forced to give up her purse.

Charlotte County sheriff's detectives say the 45-year-old woman was followed into the store restroom by three teenagers who allegedly threatened to kill her if she did not hand over her purse, according to an arrest report.

Two juvenile girls, ages 15 and 17, and Joel Lee Miley, 18, were each charged with robbery in the incident at the store at U.S. 41 and Midway Boulevard.

John Joseph Diggins, 22, and Christopher Dewayne Feliciano, 21, were charged with principal in the first degree to robbery. All five arrested are from Port Charlotte.

Following their investigation, detectives say the planned robbery may have been part of a drug deal.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Bob Carpenter said detectives learned that the girls reportedly arranged to buy 30 Roxicodone pills for \$360 from the woman whose purse was taken.

Detectives have not released her name, and charges are pending further investigation.

The girls were taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice detention facility in Fort Myers.

Miley, Diggins and Feliciano are being held at the Charlotte County Jail. No bond has been set for Miley, while Diggins and Feliciano each have \$2,500 bail.