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## ARMED SWOOP ON TOY GUN BOY

### Youth arrested after prank with gun

By Melissa Longden

A Sheffield man was threatened with a handgun for refusing to buy alcohol for a group of teenagers, a court heard today.

Mark Williams, 34 told police that he was 'petrified' after the youths shouted at him to 'run and see if he could dodge a bullet'.

The father-of-two was faced with what looked like a semi automatic pistol outside an off-licence on Regent Street, in the city.

Karl Floyd, 15 pointed a ball bearing gun at the customer who had refused to

buy the gang a bottle of cider.

Mark, afraid that the youngster would shoot him ran back to his car to call police from his mobile phone.

Police cordoned off surrounding areas to protect the public while armed officers made their way to the scene.

"The boy had been drinking but he seemed to sober up quickly when he was looking down the barrel of four police guns," said Owen Jones, sales assistant at *Booze Box* in Sheffield.



"He pulled the BB gun from his waistband and put it on the ground, shouting he was sorry."

Karl was found guilty of possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence at Sheffield youth court and could face a prison term when he is sentenced next week.

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Senior police officers have announced a new initiative to combat youth binge drinking.

Spot checks on off-licenses will target traders selling alcohol to underage drinkers.

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