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Fresno Siblings Ages 12 and 13, Busted for Stealing Items from Visalia Ulta Beauty Store, Mom Arrested for Warrants

Around 6p.m today, VPD officers were called to the Ulta Beauty Store on Mooney Avenue for a report of a theft in progress. When officers arrived, they were told two kids entered the store with bags and loaded them with items that were on display. They ran out of the store, but officers found the kids hiding in the Chipotle bathroom.

A 12-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, both from Fresno, were arrested. The siblings stole over \$4,000 worth of items from Ulta.

Officers found the children's mother in the parking lot. 33-year-old Dequita Harrell, of Fresno, was arrested and booked for theft related warrants.

The 13-year-old was booked for grand theft at the Juvenile Detention Facility and the 12-year-old was released to CWS due to his age.

