

# Holdup man shot, caught at Lawson's

It was no Halloween joke. It was another Lawson's store holdup. This time a policeman was in the back room and the robber was critically wounded.

The man shot by Patrolman Walter Meyke is James Loy, 28, of 3591 W. 47th St. He is in Metropolitan General Hospital with wounds in the pelvis and right hand. He is a suspect in several other recent Lawson's holdups on the West Side.

This one occurred at the store at 4926 Denison Ave. at 8:30 last night. Clerk Rosemary Cummings, 36, said Loy came in, pointed a gun and demanded the money.

"I said, 'You're kidding me.' It's so close to Halloween I thought it was a joke." Mrs. Cummings said. "When he told me to hurry I gave him the money. It was about \$45 and he dropped a \$10 bill on his way out."

Another clerk hurried to the back room and alerted Patrolman Meyke. He ran out a side door and confronted Loy with, "Halt, police."

Meyke said Loy pointed his gun at him. Meyke fired three times, one shot knocking the gun out of Loy's hand.

Meyke, a Task Force member, had been assigned to the store since Thursday after three Lawson's stores were robbed within a week in that general area.

The Lawson's store at West 50<sup>th</sup> and Denison was robbed a number of times during the 70's and 80's. In this 1974 Halloween robbery attempt (as reported by the Cleveland Press), Mrs. Cummings is mentioned along with the officer who shot the robber.