

Pensioner charged following alleged abduction attempt in Musselburgh



A 72-year-old man has been charged in connection with an alleged attempt to abduct a child in a supermarket car park.

The incident happened around 12.40pm on Friday outside Tesco Extra in Musselburgh.

The man, who was driving a red car, reportedly spoke to a 10-year-old girl near to the store's drop-off zone before taking hold of her. According to police, he drove off after a member of the public intervened.

The man is expected to appear at Haddington Sheriff Court on Monday.

Detective chief inspector Kenny Gray said: "Thankfully the child was not harmed during the incident and we were quickly able to trace the individual who has been arrested and charged."

Inquiries into the incident are continuing, and police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them on the non-emergency number 101.