

FROM OUR READERS: DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN - HOW CARELESS CAN PARENTS GET?

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I am greatly disturbed by the story of Adonnis and Acacia **Maynor** . How could anyone think it OK to leave kids in a car for 3 1/2 hours, even on a cool day? What would have been wrong with taking them into the beauty salon? I am sure the other patrons would have understood if no one else had been able to watch them at home.

Did she even check on them? Did anyone walk by and see those kids dying in the heat of that car? I find the lack of common sense and caring appalling. If people do not want to be inconvenienced by their children, they should not have them.

I hope all parents read about this incident and think twice before leaving their kids in cars.

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WHERE'S COMMON SENSE?

I have tears in my eyes as I write this, after reading the story of two helpless children left in their mother's car on a day when temperatures were in the 80s -- while the mother got her hair done!

Recent headlines dealing with the deaths of children reveal that prime factors are drugs, guns and domestic violence. I think it's rampant stupidity. Don't these adults have any common sense?

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TOO MANY SUCH STORIES

As a resident of Texas, I have heard too many stories like the one in the Detroit area of the two children who died in a car while their mom was getting her hair done. Last year there were a couple of cases down here where adults actually forgot their children were in the car, and the children ended up dying because of the heat.

These are our children we are talking about! God gave parents a brain and a heart. Use both. Think about what you are doing and care for others, especially your kids.

When you see your children today, hug them and make a promise to yourself that you will not put them in harm's way.

Let's pray that this story serves as a warning that it doesn't have to be very hot for death to occur inside a vehicle. This goes for children and pets.

Jim Linker

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SEND A STRONG MESSAGE

Gut-wrenching. Disgusting. Criminal. Words cannot begin to describe the feelings any parent -- any civilized human being -- must feel after reading of **Tarajee Shaheer Maynor** 's despicable act of leaving her two young children in her car to roast to death while she had her hair done.

The legal system must send a strong and clear message to all that civilized citizens can never stand for such gross neglect. The mother of these poor children must go to jail for life.

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NOT SURPRISING

Was I appalled by the article "Two kids die in heat; mom may face life"? Yes, to the core. Was I surprised? No.

Our society lacks basic respect for life. We destroy life at its most innocent, preborn stage; we neglect and slaughter our young children and adults; we euthanize the sick and elderly. Our society has lost touch with taking personal responsibility and facing consequences for our actions.

So excuse my skepticism about a possible life sentence to an air-conditioned jail cell for **Tarajee Maynor** . The problem is so much deeper, and so much harder to fix than that.

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Caption: Drawing MIKE THOMPSON/Detroit Free Press. Photo JERRY S. MENDOZA/Associated Press

Reflected in the window of a car is North Park Towers in Southfield, where police say **Tarajee Shaheer Maynor** went to get her hair done while leaving her two children -- a 3-year-old and a 10-month-old -- in her car on a hot day for 3 1/2 hours. **Maynor** has been charged with felony murder and first-degree child abuse.

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