

Dubach woman suspected of leaving baby alone in hot car

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A Dubach woman has received a summons to appear in court after she allegedly left her six-month old baby alone in her car in the Lowe's parking lot last week.

Aminah Moore, 30, received a summons to appear in court at an undetermined date, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

Fortunately, the baby was OK, Hawkins said.

"We received several calls from people at Lowe's stating that a baby had been left alone in the vehicle, and it appeared that the child had fainted," Hawkins said.

"A (female) customer inside came out and heard a baby

crying and noticed that it was alone inside a vehicle. This woman hung around for a minute or so to see if the parent would come out of the store. The parent never did."

The woman notified Lowe's employees. Those employees notified customers of the situation over the store's intercom and asked a parent or guardian to come forward, but no one ever did, Hawkins said.

"The windows (on the vehicle) were no more than two inches down. The baby was passed out. Its hair was wet from perspiration. The temperature was also 94 degrees," Hawkins said.

Officers arrived on the scene and later saw Moore coming out to the vehicle, Hawkins said.

"She stated that the child was asleep and she was only

going to be in the store for a few minutes. She said she didn't want to wake the child up," Hawkins said.

Officers issued a summons to the woman for child desertion, but they did not arrest her, Hawkins said.

EMT's arrived and examined the child, which later regained consciousness. They took the child to the Northern Louisiana Medical Center for further examination, Hawkins said.

"Don't ever leave a child alone in a vehicle, especially when it is hot," Hawkins said. "Never leave them unattended at any time. Babies and kids can't do anything for themselves. We read about tragedies all across the country, and we want to make sure it doesn't happen here."