

Dad at the casino, leaves baby in the car

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Daniel McCormack, 27, of Roland was recently charged with child neglect after reportedly leaving his toddler in the car while at the Roland Cherokee Casino.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed by Assistant Police Chief David Goode, on the morning of Sept. 5 security personnel alerted police about a young child being left alone in a vehicle at the Cherokee Casino.

When Officer Goode arrived on the scene head of security reportedly informed him the child had been left in the car for about 20 minutes and was alerted to the car because the horn was being honked.

Security footage reportedly showed McCormack entering the casino at 7:35 a.m. and returned to his car per the request of security around 7:55 a.m.

The head of security reportedly stated McCormack had said he had gone inside to get something to eat, but he reportedly told Officer Goode he had left his two-year-old in the car to “gamble for a little bit.”

A similar event happened at Sallisaw Walmart Super Center last week. Christina McFarland, 25, the mother of the 18-month-old girl was arrested at the scene and transported to the Sallisaw Police Department for allegedly leaving her child in the car while she was inside Walmart.

McFarland reportedly also had her four-year-old son with her but had taken him inside the store. Investigators believe the little girl was left in the car for about 30 – 40 minutes with only one window on the car rolled down.