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Police: Kids left in cars at casino twice

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A Huntingdon Valley man and an Abington woman have been charged in separate cases of leaving children unattended in cars in the Parx Casino parking lot, police said today.

On Saturday, casino patrons saw a crying 6-year-old girl running in the parking lot and getting into a Toyota RAV, Bensalem Township police said. The ignition was off, but hot air was blowing out of the vents, with the outside temperature exceeding 90 degrees. The girl was treated by rescue squad workers, and her father, Michael Roytman, 29, of Oakwood Drive, was found in the casino, police said.

Security tapes indicated the girl was left unattended for at least 17 minutes. Roytman was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and reckless endangering another person. He was arraigned and sent to Bucks County Prison in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

In the second case, Frances Casey, 39, of Rockwell Drive, left two nephews and a niece in her 2009 Nissan Altima on July 16, police said.

Parx Security found the 1- and 2-year-old boys and 9-year-old girl in the car with the engine running and a window open.

Casey later told police that she was babysitting her sister's children and drove them to the casino to redeem a voucher for free pots and pans. While inside, she played two slot machines before returning to her car, she told police. Security tapes indicated the children were left unattended also for at least 17 minutes.

Casey was charged with endangering the welfare of children and will be issued a court summons, Bensalem Director of Public Safety Frederick Haran said.

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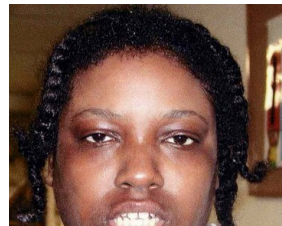
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