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Cheektowaga police officer rescues toddler from hot car after mom overdoses



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Authorities say a suburban Buffalo police officer had to break a car window to rescue a toddler from the sweltering vehicle after her mother apparently overdosed on heroin.

Cheektowaga Police say an officer noticed a parked car with its engine running and lights on in a parking lot outside a closed business late Tuesday night.

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As the officer approached the car, a little girl jumped up on the seat. He then noticed a woman slumped over in the front seat with a needle sticking in her arm.

The officer broke a window to free the 3-year-old girl, who was suffering from dehydration.

The 28-year-old mother, Jade Nickel, was taken to a Buffalo hospital for evaluation. She was charged with child endangerment and heroin possession.

The girl is being cared for by relatives.

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