

Stouffville Toyota employees save baby accidentally locked in hot car

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Four Stouffville Toyota Scion employees are being lauded for saving a very “hot and sweaty” 14-month-old after his mother accidentally locked him in her car during the second hottest day of the year.

It was at the height of heat, in the afternoon – with temperatures reaching 34 C and upwards of 40 with humidity – that Luke Campbell was called, while sitting out in the car lot’s “drive-thru booth”.

“There was a calm voice on the other end with a clear sense of distress in her voice,” he said. “She told me, ‘It’s an emergency,’ so I

just jumped up.”

The story she told caused him to leap into action.

A young baby was locked in a car about a 10-minute walk from the Millard Street location on Mah Wat Lane in Stouffville.

“It’s not like I am sitting in an air conditioned office, I’m out in this heat, so I know how hot it is, I was sweating bullets” he said, noting the voice was that of one of his good customers, looking for help for her daughter and grandson.

It only took Campbell, also from Stouffville, moments to find two mechanics, Greg Mangas and Peter Cosmidis, who were taken

to the location by Jerry Corbet, the shuttle driver. They travelled over with what turned into the mother’s best friend – a slim jim.

It took the men less than one minute to arrive, much quicker than the police and paramedics, who arrived after the Toyota employees had actually freed the little boy from the car, his mother, crying.

“He was really sweaty, he was in there for about 20 minutes,” the grandmother explained, noting she not only had a hammer nearby ready to shatter the glass, but had covered the car with blankets to displace the sunlight and heat.

After he was pulled from the car, it took about 40 minutes of re-hydration to get the toddler walking and back to normal.

Paramedics found the boy’s vitals in good shape after the incident.

The boy’s mother had accidentally locked the boy in the car, placing him in his child seat, putting the keys in the diaper bag and then placing it on the floor of the vehicle,

possibly engaging the electronic locking mechanism on her key chain.

This is not the first time Campbell has been forced to leap into action. While working in the same job — a collision appraiser at Markham Toyota — he took a call from a customer who was slurring her words and seemingly fading in and out of consciousness during a call at 10:30 a.m..

“I said to myself, ‘If I’m wrong, I’m wrong,’” he added, before explaining how he called 911.

Soon after, he said he received a call from the paramedics who showed up who told him he likely saved the life of the woman, a diabetic, who was suffering a medical emergency after failing to take her medication that morning.

The grandmother said she and her daughter are “very very thankful” to the staff and have they already sent them cards, gourmet cupcakes and also has plans to buy them more than a few beers.

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