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**Van Nuys Man Pleads to Leaving  
Baby in Car While Attending Strip Club**

A 26-year-old man pleaded no contest today to leaving his 9-month-old daughter inside a car while he visited a strip club, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer said Auwin Dargin of Van Nuys entered the plea to one felony count of child abuse in case PA085994.

Dargin was immediately sentenced to five years probation and 10 days in county jail. He also was ordered to complete 45 days of Caltrans service and 52 weeks of parenting classes.

On March 9, 2016, the defendant left his baby daughter in the car for 43 minutes while visiting a strip club at approximately 2 p.m., according to court testimony. The baby was sweating and crying when she was found in the car by employees of the club and neighboring business employees.

The good Samaritans rescued the child and confronted Dargin as he stepped outside of the club, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Division.

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