**What Would You Do?: Baby Left Alone in a Hot Car: 2/3/09**

22:01:09 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) It's a hot summer day, and on this suburban street, a mother parks

her car, leaving a baby alone in the backseat. As people walk right next

to the child, the cries from inside the car seem to go unnoticed.

22:01:28 REPORTER, FEMALE

Two and a half-month-old baby left alone in a hot car...

22:01:31 REPORTER

Mother was apparently inside shopping.

22:01:34 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) Almost every week, a child dies this way. But many more kids are

saved, rescued by complete strangers.

22:01:43 REPORTER

Police say a shopper walking past this black Infiniti parked in front of

the Babies R Us, heard a child crying.

22:01:50 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) We wanted to see what ordinary people would do if they saw a baby

left alone in a hot car. With the help of a dozen hidden cameras, we

watch for two days as people walk right next to our baby. But don't

worry. Even though the infant inside may look real, it's not. It's a

custom-made doll called a Reborn, designed to look like a newborn baby.

It even comes with its own breathing mechanism. And the mother? An

actress, hired by us. As we begin our experiment, we realize right away

that people don't seem to notice the infant, so, we decide to give it a

little help and hide a speaker in the front seat, playing the sound of a

baby crying. And yet, as we keep watching, we're surprised to see that

even when people do hear our baby, they keep on walking. Joanne Bowman, a

mother herself, hears the child, but doesn't stop. So, we ask her why.

22:02:59 JOANNE BOWMAN, PEDESTRIAN

You just assume that someone's in the car with the child.

22:03:02 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) So, you didn't think about stopping or knocking on the window?

22:03:04 JOANNE BOWMAN

No, because, you know...

22:03:05 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) Telling anyone?

22:03:06 JOANNE BOWMAN

...it's really something that you would imagine not happening. You don't

imagine that there's a child left in the car by itself.

22:03:15 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) Watching with us is Janette Fennel, president of Kids and Cars, a

car safety advocacy group.

22:03:22 JANETTE FENNEL, PRESIDENT

Nobody has stopped, even with the baby crying.

22:03:25 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) In the sun, a car acts much like a greenhouse. And while it's 80

degrees outside, the temperature inside our car quickly rises to almost

120 degrees. On a hot day, it could be just minutes.

22:03:40 JANETTE FENNEL

It could be just minutes, and we've got children who have died having a

temperature outside just 60 degrees.

22:03:49 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) This young woman keeps looking back at our car as she walks past

it.

22:03:54 PEDESTRIAN

I heard a baby next to me in a car crying, and I looked over and the baby

was in the car alone.

22:03:59 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) It's a hot day. Why not open the door?

22:04:02 PEDESTRIAN

It wasn't my car. And I couldn't, I wasn't gonna touch it. I was about

to call my mother and ask her what to do in that situation.

22:04:12 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) We find that many people are simply not sure of what to do. But

then we meet this woman.

22:04:23 VICKY LEFKOWITZ, PEDESTRIAN

Is any, is this anyone's car? That's a baby, it looks a sleeping baby in

it.

22:04:28 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) A parent is nowhere to be found.

22:04:30 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

You know what? I'm gonna call the police. There is a car here with a

sleeping baby in it.

22:04:35 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) When we send our mother back in, Vicky Lefkowitz tries to be

polite.

22:04:41 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

Okay. She's back, yeah.

22:04:42 ACTRESS

Okay.

22:04:43 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

We're just calling the police. We're worried about the baby being in,

your car.

22:04:46 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) But our actress pretends she's oblivious to the dangers.

22:04:50 ACTRESS

Oh, I always leave her sleeping in the car.

22:04:52 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

You do?

22:04:52 ACTRESS

It takes me...

22:04:52 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

You walk away from the car?

22:04:54 ACTRESS

Well, it takes me so much time to get her to sleep, you know?

22:04:57 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

Oh, my God.

22:04:58 ACTRESS

Right. I do it all the time.

22:04:59 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

You do it all the time? Okay, I'm a mother. I would never do that in

million years.

22:05:06 ACTRESS

Well I don't...

22:05:06 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

I'm not judging you, I'm not judging, just, I was worried.

22:05:08 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) She walks away, shaken.

22:05:11 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) You're in tears. Why?

22:05:14 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

I just, I thought this woman was leaving her baby in the car.

22:05:18 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) It affected you that much?

22:05:19 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

I have a baby, and I would never do that.

22:05:22 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) I'm sorry.

22:05:25 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

I just know it's obviously the wrong thing to do, and a baby could die in

a car.

22:05:29 ACTRESS

(OC) Why did you get involved?

22:05:31 VICKY LEFKOWITZ

How could I not get involved?

22:05:34 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) And when Vincent Torres hears the baby crying, he also wastes no

time responding.

22:05:40 911 DISPATCHER, FEMALE

911, where is your emergency?

22:05:43 VINCENT TORRES

Hi, we're on Church Street, and like, the windows are locked up, and...

22:05:47 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) The police won't be coming, because they are in on our experiment.

But watch what happens when our actress returns.

22:05:55 VINCENT TORRES

Is that your baby in the car?

22:05:57 ACTRESS

That's my baby.

22:05:58 VINCENT TORRES

With the windows rolled up? You should be shot.

22:05:59 ACTRESS

I'm sorry?

22:06:00 VINCENT TORRES

You should be shot.

22:06:00 ACTRESS

I can't hear you.

22:06:01 VINCENT TORRES

You should be shot.

22:06:02 ACTRESS

I should be shot?

22:06:03 VINCENT TORRES

Yeah. You should be shot.

22:06:06 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) You said to the woman, 'You should be shot."

22:06:08 VINCENT TORRES

Yeah. It's the first thing that came, I was angry. I was angry.

22:06:11 PEDESTRIAN

He feels strongly about certain issues.

22:06:12 VINCENT TORRES

Yeah.

22:06:13 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) But what do you do? Do you break the window? Do you open the

door?

22:06:16 PEDESTRIAN

We called the police. And they can take care of it, because, I mean

we're not gonna damage property.

22:06:21 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) But our expert Janette Fennel says you may need to do exactly that.

22:06:26 JANETTE FENNEL

You're looking at the child, and they're very red, and they seem like

they're in danger, I would take immediate action, and that would be to

find a brick, then you would wanna break the window that's furthest away

from the baby.

22:06:38 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) You're gonna break into the car.

22:06:39 JANETTE FENNEL

I would. Any way I could. It's a piece of metal versus a baby's life.

22:06:46 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) When this man spots our baby, immediately he tries to locate the

parents.

22:06:50 PEDESTRIAN

Somebody in here with a baby in the car? Now, what idiot would do

something like that?

22:06:56 PEDESTRIAN

Is this your car?

22:06:58 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) Soon, he's joined by this woman.

22:07:00 PEDESTRIAN

We're standing out here, I mean, you don't, you look.

22:07:04 PEDESTRIAN

There's a baby in a car on Church Street, in a red Volvo, and it's

unattended.

22:07:10 ACTRESS

Is there a problem?

22:07:12 PEDESTRIAN

Yeah, we just called the police. Is this your kid?

22:07:14 ACTRESS

Yes. Is she awake?

22:07:16 PEDESTRIAN

No, but how do you leave a baby in the car like that? Locked and no...

22:07:21 ACTRESS

She's completely fine.

22:07:24 PEDESTRIAN

How do you know she's completely fine. We've been standing out here for

five minutes. Anybody could have opened that car and taken that baby.

That's irresponsible.

22:07:31 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) Another woman joins in, and the three strangers won't let the

mother off the hook.

22:07:38 ACTRESS

Why don't you mind your own business?

22:07:39 PEDESTRIAN

I don't think I will.

22:07:39 ACTRESS

I don't know if this has anything to do with you.

22:07:41 PEDESTRIAN

Well, of course it does. How can you do that?

22:07:42 PEDESTRIAN

I'm a citizen, I see a baby trapped in a car. Have you not been reading

the press about kids that die in trapped cars in the summer?

22:07:50 ACTRESS

But she's fine. I know she's fine. I've done it before.

22:07:54 PEDESTRIAN

Well, that's just not, really, somebody...

22:07:54 PEDESTRIAN (FEMALE), CONTINUED

Well, that's very scary. That's scary.

22:07:56 PEDESTRIAN

You shouldn't have that baby.

22:07:57 PEDESTRIAN

You shouldn't. That's just reckless.

22:07:58 PEDESTRIAN

Totally irresponsible.

22:08:00 PEDESTRIAN

That is reckless. God bless you, child. I hope you make it.

22:08:03 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) And our actress is about to make them even angrier, as she leaves

the baby once again.

22:08:09 PEDESTRIAN

Well, she walked away again.

22:08:09 PEDESTRIAN

Well, she left the baby unattended. Totally unattended. Where are the

cops?

22:08:15 PEDESTRIAN

I don't know.

22:08:17 JOHN QUINONES

(VO) But instead of the cops, we show up.

22:08:19 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) How are you? I'm John Quinones, and this is part of an experiment

we're doing on 'What You Should Do?" when you see a baby in a car like

that.

22:08:26 PEDESTRIAN

That's horrible.

22:08:26 PEDESTRIAN

(OC) We just felt that you're both very involved.

22:08:27 PEDESTRIAN

That's horrible. We...

22:08:29 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) It's not a real baby.

22:08:30 PEDESTRIAN

Oh, I looked closely.

22:08:32 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) Why get involved?

22:08:33 PEDESTRIAN

I have two children and three grandkids. So the idea that somebody would

leave a baby in a car and then just not be, not even look enough to check

to see if it was okay was pretty crazy to me.

22:08:45 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) Emily here, she's an actress. She didn't mean to upset you. But

we told her...

22:08:52 PEDESTRIAN

Oh, when you walked away was like...

22:08:54 ACTRESS

Yeah.

22:08:55 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) How did you feel?

22:08:57 PEDESTRIAN

Like I could kill her, really. Yeah. It's just not part of my make up,

I couldn't just walk away.

22:09:03 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) Here you are confronting this woman who you don't know, getting

involved in something that's not part of you, really.

22:09:09 PEDESTRIAN

Well, what if it had been my kid?

22:09:10 JOHN QUINONES

(OC) You would do it again?

22:09:12 PEDESTRIAN

If I see a - hell, yeah. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. It's a life.