

Jail time for child endangerment plea

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AUSTIN, Texas - Parents who admitted leaving their children unattended in a vehicle so the adults could go drink margaritas were sentenced in one year in a Texas state prison. Beatriz Pedroza, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of endangering a child and driving while intoxicated and will have to complete intensive outpatient care for alcoholism and parenting classes, the Austin (Texas) American-Statesman reported Monday. Pedroza is the country illegally, court records said, but won't face deportation, the newspaper said. Miguel Lopez, 33, who pleaded guilty to two counts of endangering a child, is also in the country illegally and will be deported after his sentence is served, said District Judge Ken Anderson. Last Sept. 30, the couple's 1-year-old son and a 5-month-old daughter were found unsupervised in a Ford Expedition crying and covered in sweat, said a court release. An arrest affidavit said the children were alone in the vehicle for about 30 minutes, the American-Statesman said.

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