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Mom who Left Baby in Car during Snowstorm Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison

Nicole Carmon was sentenced to 8 years in prison Thursday for negligent child abuse causing serious bodily injury and attempted first degree assault for leaving her 2-year-old son in a car overnight during a snowstorm in December 2016.

Carmon (DOB 12/29/89) pleaded guilty to the two charges in November.

"This was an appropriate sentence in this case," District Attorney Dave Young said. "She needs to look at herself in the mirror and realize that she is the one who left that child in the car that day and she was the one who chose to drink. When you become a parent you have responsibilities to care for your child and she put her own desire to drink and do drugs ahead of that responsibility. I still remember that frigid day. If it were not for the actions of the Thornton police in finding this child, he likely would have died."

Thornton police found Carmon's son strapped to a car seat in her vehicle in a parking lot at 901 E. 120th Avenue on December 17. Multiple Thornton police officers were dispatched to search for the vehicle after Carmon reported that she had left her son in her vehicle overnight during the snow storm but did not know where. The boy was rushed to the hospital for treatment of frostbite and hypothermia.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Patrick Freeman said Carmon had a history of DUIs and a pattern of leaving her young son alone at home and in her car. "She has shown time and again that taking care of her kid is not her priority. He would have died if left in that car much longer. It is by the grace of God that we are not here today to sentence her for child abuse resulting in death."

Adams County District Court Judge Thomas Ensor called Carmon's actions "atrocious" and "jaw-dropping."

"What she did was something I wouldn't do with my dog," he said.

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