

## **Couple shopping arrested for alleged child neglect after baby discovered in car**

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Indiana State Police troopers may have originally come to a Scottsburg grocery store to look for a person and serve a warrant on Sunday evening, August 11.

What they ended up doing, thanks to an alert woman shopper, was rescuing a child from a locked vehicle.

Two troopers arrived at the Jay C Food Store at 10:17 p.m. Sunday to serve an arrest warrant. While they were there, a woman approached them and told them that a small child was left unattended in a car parked at the store.

The child appeared to be asleep and was buckled into a car seat, the ISP report indicated. The car's doors were locked.

One trooper stayed by the car while the second officer entered the store to look for the persons responsible. He found Clayton L. Koch, 25, Deputy, and Ashley Davis, 22, Scottsburg. The couple explained that, when they had arrived at the store, the 16-month-old had been asleep. The youngster had been left alone for some 20 minutes, according to the couple. Koch and Davis were taken into custody by the officers on a preliminary charge of child neglect, a Class D felony. They were transported to the Scott County Security Center. The uninjured child was placed in the custody of the Division of Family and Children. Both Koch and Davis spent the weekend in jail and were scheduled to have initial court hearings in Scott Superior Court, possibly as early as Tuesday, August 13.