

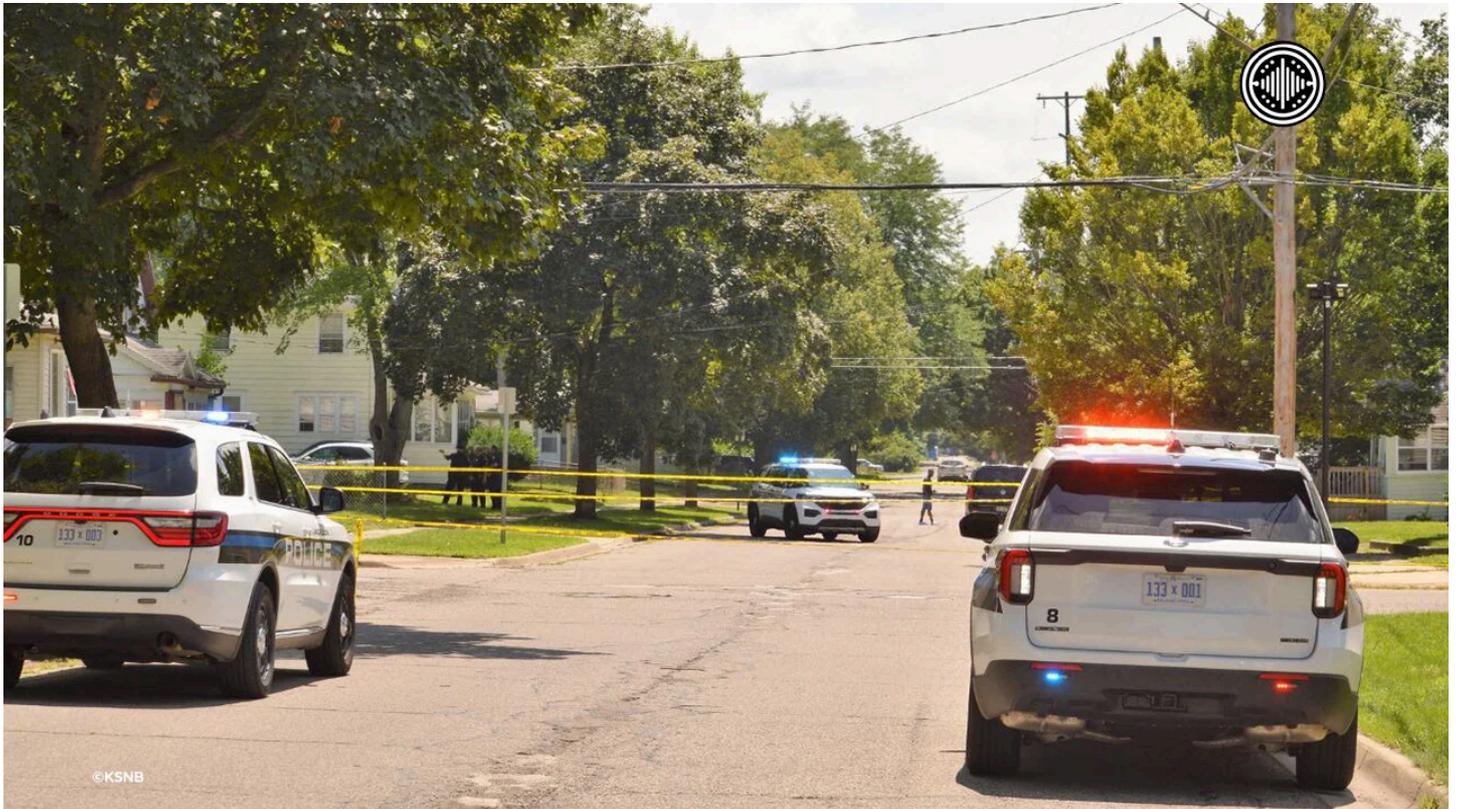
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Nebraska Father Charged After Infant Dies in Hot Car Amid Statewide Heat Advisory

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A Nebraska man has been charged with negligent child abuse resulting in death after his five-month-old son died from extreme heat exposure in a parked car during a statewide heat advisory. The incident occurred in Hastings on Monday afternoon, as temperatures climbed into the upper 90s Fahrenheit.

Authorities from the Hastings Police Department responded to a call around 5 p.m. reporting an unresponsive infant inside a vehicle at the parking lot of Pacha Soap Co., according to local outlet NTV. Emergency responders attempted life-saving measures on-site before transporting the child to Mary Lanning Healthcare, located approximately five miles away. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Following a preliminary investigation, officials confirmed the cause of death was heat-related. The father, identified as 36-year-old Hansen, was arrested and formally charged on Tuesday by the Adams County District Attorney. His initial court appearance is scheduled for Friday.

The U.S. National Weather Service had issued a heat advisory across much of Nebraska on the day of the incident, warning of potentially hazardous conditions. In light of the tragedy, Hastings Police issued a public statement calling the death “heartbreaking” and extended condolences to those affected, including family members and first responders.

While the legal process is ongoing, the incident has deeply affected the local community. A Meal Train fundraiser page was created to support the Hansen family, reportedly raising over \$37,000 by Thursday with nearly 400 contributors. Community members have also committed to providing meals for the family’s three surviving children for the next several months.

The case has sparked debate locally, with some residents expressing concerns about the charges brought against the father. Comments shared online and cited by the *Daily Mail* reflected emotional appeals for empathy, with one friend urging others to “lift them up in prayer instead of tearing them down.”

According to data from the nonprofit group Kids and Car Safety, five children in Nebraska have died in hot car incidents since 1990. Nationally, over 1,100 children have lost their lives under similar circumstances during that same period. The majority of victims—88 percent—were aged three or younger. On average, 40 children die each year in the United States from vehicle-related heatstroke.

Authorities continue to remind the public of the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles, particularly during high-temperature conditions.