

## Car baby couple free to leave US

**A London couple arrested in New York for leaving their six-month-old baby alone in their parked car have been told by a US court they can go home.**

Yisroel and Goldie Singer, of Stamford Hill, north London, were charged with endangering their baby Rosie's life.

The couple had to surrender their passports and prolong their holiday in the US after they were arrested in a Brooklyn shopping centre in December.

On Friday, a judge gave the couple a conditional discharge lasting six months.

That means if they are not arrested again in that time, the charges will be dropped.

**Americans do not understand the British or European mentality which allows parents to make decisions where there is an emergency situation**

Meir Moza  
Singers' lawyer

First District Court Judge Denise Sher also returned the Singers' passports and the couple said they planned to return to London soon.

The couple's lawyer, Meir Moza, said: "They were vindicated today, they are obviously very happy.

"They are elated that they have been vindicated. They are going back home in the next few days."

Earlier in court he had argued they were victims of a "cultural misunderstanding".

Leaving a child alone in a car for a few minutes was acceptable in Europe but taboo in the US, he said.

Mr Singer, 25, and his wife Goldie, 26, were shopping with their three daughters when the eldest, three-year-old Rachel, complained of a stomach pain and urgently demanded to be taken to a toilet.

They stopped at Green Acres shopping centre on Long Island to find a toilet.

Two-year-old Haya came with them because she was crying, they said, and they left Rosie asleep in her car seat.

But they were arrested when they returned to the car and charged with child endangerment,

after a passer-by reported the lone child to police.

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