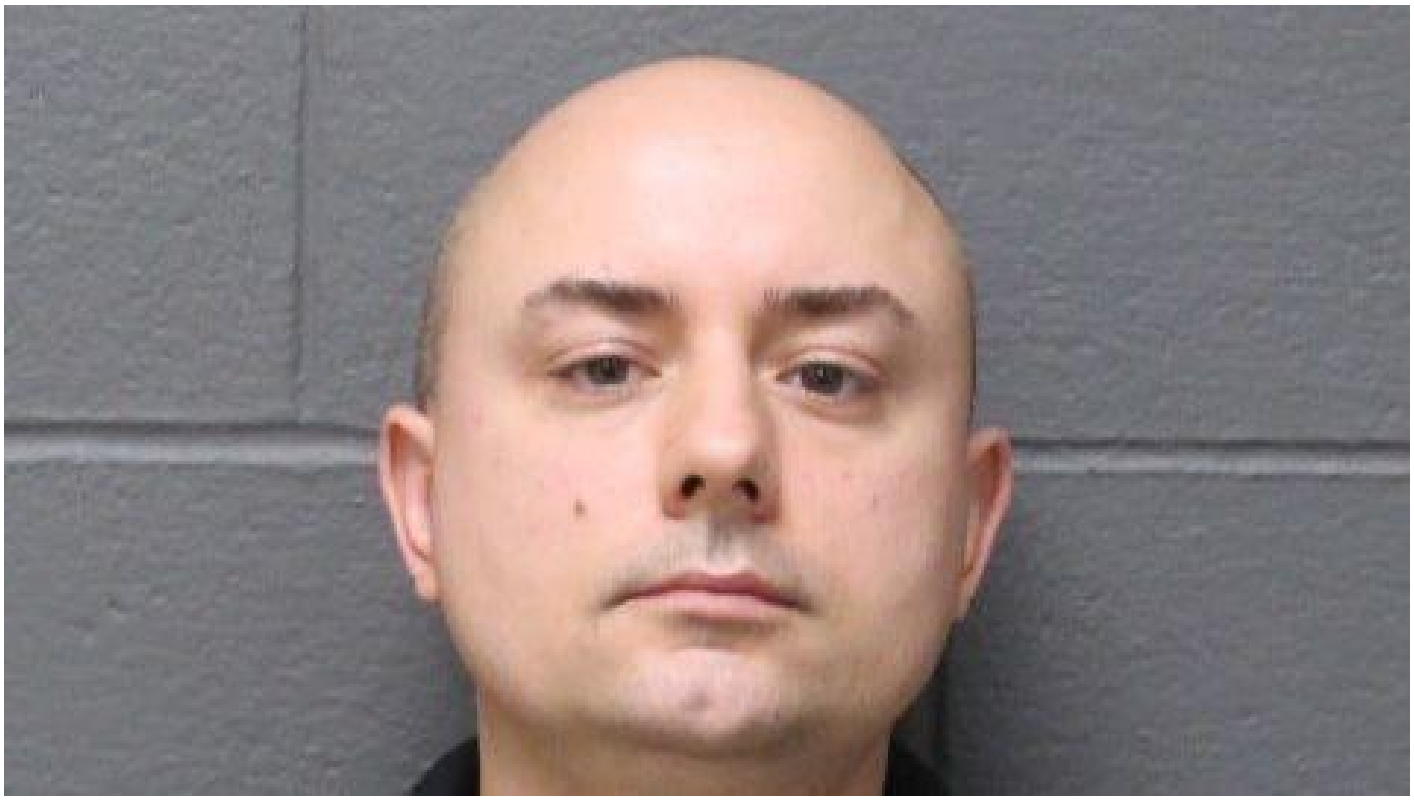
Agent arrested for leaving his kids in locked car to do home showing

After finding two girls under the age of 5 locked inside a car in 84-degree heat, Connecticut police arrested their real estate agent father for allegedly leaving them to do a home showing, according to local news reports.

Karl Luberda, a real estate agent with Tea Leaf Realty in West Hartford, was arrested on Aug. 22 and charged with two counts of risking injury to a child, as well as two counts of leaving a child under 12 without supervision, NBC Connecticut reported. He was booked on a $5,000 bond, according to the Southington Police Department's Facebook page.

"Karl Luberda is an outstanding agent and father who stepped away from his children to unlock a door for a final walk through," Rob Giuffria, Tea Leaf Realty's managing broker, told Inman by email. "Some may judge him, but should understand that young agents raising families have to juggle childcare with their work."

According to police testimony, 38-year-old Luberda left his two daughters, ages 4 and 1, inside a car near a housing complex where he had a showing for about 20 minutes. After witnesses called the police to report seeing two children in a car alone, the officers rushed to the Spring Lake Village complex in Southington, Connecticut.



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Once on the scene, they found two young girls inside a parked car with the windows rolled up even as the weather reached 84 degrees.

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Although Luberda made it back to the car just before the police, he was still arrested and charged. The girls, who the police said were not hurt by the heat, went home after their mother came to pick them up.

After releasing Luberda on bond, the police set his court date for Sept. 4. His profile on realtor.com says that he has been working as a real estate professional for more than 10 years and makes sure every transaction is “always about the client.”

We have also reached out to Luberda for comment and will update the article when we hear back.

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