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## **Car thief makes off with toddler**

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An opportunistic car thief got more than he bargained for when he stole a car with a four-year-old boy in the back seat in Melbourne's outer south-west this morning.

The thief took the car after the boy's father left the motor running as he brought a newspaper at a service station on Clyde Road about 5.40am.

Police believe the thief, after noticing his young passenger, abandoned the car in a supermarket carpark just minutes later.

The boy was unharmed.

The police dog squad has searched the area for the man, who has not been found.