

A Tragic Car Chase

Road rage, it seems, has become an epidemic. On nearly any trip we may make on our nation's highways, incidences of drivers who lose self-control and allow their anger to rule are evident.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported a tragic accident that was a direct result of the loss of temper.

A man and woman were driving a van in the far left lane of Chicago's Northwest Tollway. In back were their two children. A white Cadillac driven by an ex-convict suddenly pulled up behind them, tailgating mere inches from their bumper. The man driving the van slowed down. The Cadillac driver pulled into the right lane, passed the van, and then swerved suddenly back in front of the van – so suddenly that the van driver felt he had to swerve to avoid a collision. The white Cadillac sped away.

The van driver accelerated and gave chase. He eventually pulled alongside the white Cadillac and reportedly began yelling and screaming. According to a witness, the two men gestured angrily at each other.

The driver of the Cadillac then drew a handgun and fired at the van. The bullet entered the side of the van and hit the baby girl, entering under her left ear and exiting above her right ear. The little girl lived, but is blind in one eye, half-blind in the other, partially deaf, and suffers severe mental and physical disabilities.

The man who fired the bullet is in jail. The parents of the little girl now live with the terrible pain of regret.

Anger usually escalates, and often in tragic, tragic ways.

--Beecher Hunter