

## Woman floored by an off-the-hook \$200,000 phone bill

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A higher than usual phone bill can leave anyone stunned. And when Celina Aarons got a jaw-dropper for more than \$200,000, it was no mistake.

The Florida woman has a plan that usually costs her \$175 a month. She includes two of her brothers on it, who are deaf and mute, and use [smart phones](#) extensively for texting and communicating more easily.

"He's a sweetheart, and he goes to college and I would do anything for him," she told WSVN television of her brother Shamir.

The problem was that Shamir went to [Canada](#) on vacation, and did not turn off his data roaming.

The bad news for big sister: a [bill](#) for \$201,005.44.

"I was freaking out. I was shaking, crying, I couldn't even talk that much on the phone. I was like my life is over!" she told WSVN.

She said she thought "it's never going to get paid... I can't pay that. That's like paying a nice house right now based on what houses are going for."

Though T-Mobile did not have to reduce her bill, it wrote down her charges to \$2,500.

"The case of Ms Aarons was extraordinary, even if the amount was

correct. T-Mobile cut her bill to \$2,500 and gave her six months to pay," a T-Mobile spokeswoman said.

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