

# Teen charged in fatal crash; drug screen results find marijuana in system

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa —A 16-year-old has been charged with motor vehicle homicide in a crash that left a teenager dead and another injured in December.

The teenager is being charged as a juvenile.

Officers responded to Interstate 80 westbound at approximately the four-mile mark for a crash on Dec. 4 at 10:20 a.m., a release from the Council Bluffs Police Department said.

Officers found a gray Mazda lying on its side down an embankment on the north side of the roadway. Haley Wright, 16, a passenger in the vehicle was partially ejected and found deceased at the scene.

The driver and another passenger were taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The driver's injuries weren't life threatening, and the passenger's injuries were minor.

On Tuesday, the Council Bluffs Police Department announced that an investigation into the crash has been completed. Drug screen results on the driver tested positive for marijuana in the driver's system at the time of the crash. The driver will be charged with motor vehicle homicide by operating while intoxicated and motor vehicle homicide by reckless driving. The driver was taken into custody, processed and released to a parent pending the driver's first court appearance.