

## **Teen driver pulled over by state trooper on Interstate 80 and cited for DUI**

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**OMAHA, NE** - "It's very concerning," said Chris Wagner while looking at his computer screen in his office.

On Friday, Wagner was talking about a breath alcohol concentration photo posted on Twitter by a Nebraska State Patrol trooper. It read .157. That's about twice the legal limit. The state patrol says the photo was taken overnight shortly after a 16-year-old got pulled over in Omaha.

"It's a shocking level for an adult. For a 16-year-old, even more shocking."

For Wagner it's beyond troubling, too. He leads Project Extra Mile. One of its missions is to prevent underage drinking.

"We have such a problem in our state with alcohol."

Lieutenant Michael Grummert with the Nebraska State Patrol said Friday there were several passengers under the age of 21 in the car. They were cited for possessing alcohol as minors.

"As a parent or guardian, just be aware of what your kids are doing," said Grummert. We're just glad we got it stopped before anything bad happened."

This news comes just days after a news conference in Sarpy County about the five Gretna teenagers involved in a deadly crash. Sheriff Jeff Davis talked about how underage drinking is a metro wide issue. Who provided the alcohol is a question that's being asked beyond just Gretna.

"Community organizations and neighborhood associations need to step up and let everybody know what's going on," said Wagner.

Grummert said Friday the 16-year-old driver got pulled over near 72nd on Interstate 80. He says considering the high speeds that go on there it's amazing nobody got hurt.