

## "Drinking might have been involved": New details in fatal crash at 204th & Q Street

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OMAHA, Neb. — Six occupants in two separate vehicles that crashed at 204th & Q Streets in Omaha early Friday morning were identified by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Saturday afternoon.

Jamin Creek, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene Friday morning. Also injured in the crash were 17-year-old Shea Alfrey, 17-year-old Payton Royal, 17-year-old Alexis Liebsack, 18-year-old David Kay, and 43-year-old Gino Dawson, according to the sheriff's office.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office said the five teens were in an SUV that went through a yellow traffic light going westbound on Q Street at 3:48 a.m. The SUV collided with Dawson's vehicle, which was headed south.

"I think it was an individual who thought he could beat the light, a yellow light, and did not realize another vehicle was coming through the intersection," said Chief Deputy Wayne Hudson.

Hudson said the driver of the second vehicle, 43-year-old Dawson, was on his way to work, and was treated for minor injuries. Investigators believe that driver had the right-of-way.

Hudson told KETV NewsWatch 7 alcohol appeared to play a role in the crash. He said two of the survivors are talking with investigators, while a third retained a lawyer. A vehicle connected to one of the teens had a bottle of liquor in it. Hudson said it's believed the group met somewhere earlier in the night.

"There are other vehicles the teens had, so we have one of those vehicles where we found some evidence that drinking might have been involved," Hudson said.

Investigators are going to trace where the liquor came from and hold that person accountable, he said.

Investigators are also looking into speed and other factors, as they recreate the crash scene. Hudson said criminal charges will most likely be filed. They are waiting on toxicology lab tests to help determine what happened.

Chris Wagner supports raising alcohol prices in hopes of lowering the risk of tragedies on the road.

"This is something that is entirely preventable and as a community we need to do better," said Wagner. He spoke to KETV in the wake of Friday morning's fatal crash, which involved five teens. Investigators believe alcohol played a role.

"What we are going to do is trace that back as far as we get it and find out who provided the alcohol to the teens and hold them accountable," said Chief Deputy Wayne Hudson from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Wagner is adamant about accountability. He says Nebraska lawmakers need to increase the price of alcohol and limit advertising that makes liquor look appealing to teens.

"I mean the industry makes billions of dollars from underage drinkers, so clearly there's no incentive on their part to fix this problem. It's really up to us to do it as a community," said Wagner.