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Student faces DUI charges after crash

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A North Salem High School senior faces charges after crashing his car into a house in the 1200 block of Market Street NE around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"He was smoking spice prior to the accident which impaired his ability to drive," Lt. Keith Blair said.

Spice is the name for a variety of herbal mixtures that are marketed as synthetic marijuana.

"It's popular with the young kids and has been for the last several years and continues to be," Blair said.

Adam Roth, 18, was cited for driving under the influence, reckless driving and three counts of reckless endangerment — one for each passenger in the vehicle.

Roth and three other boys were headed back to school after a lunch break in a 1968 blue Ford Mustang when the driver's head "kind of went down," said Zack Rosenblatt, a passenger in the car.

The car accelerated past a stop sign, ran through a raised yard and crashed into a house, damaging the siding and a water spigot. The three passengers were not injured.

Emergency personnel took Roth to Salem Hospital with minor facial injuries. Salem police initially thought the crash might be related to a medical issue. Investigators learned about the spice after questioning Roth at the hospital.
