

# Man with baby on board faces drunk driving charge

**CRIME** • A father is facing impaired driving charges after he was pulled over Saturday afternoon near the airport and accused of driving drunk while his baby sat in the back of the vehicle.

"It's actually a very sad situation," duty inspector James Hardy said.

"You have a 16-month-old child in the back of a vehicle, a very vulnerable individual riding in a vehicle with someone that's driving while impaired.

"Very dangerous situation for everyone."

The baby was taken into the custody of emergency social services, which will determine what happens to the child next, said Hardy.

It's a rare case, Hardy said. In his 30 years, he said, he's never had to deal with a baby in a vehicle driven by an impaired driver, although he has dealt with children.

Around 1:15 p.m., a Calgary police traffic officer pulled

over a Ford Explorer that was weaving across lanes near Barlow Trail and Airport Trail N.E. Police say the officer noted the driver looked impaired and the 26-year-old was taken to a district office where he was given a breath test. Other officers arrived to deal with the baby, who had been in a car seat.

The man has been charged with impaired driving and driving while over the limit.

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