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Amish kids charged after drunken crash

Four Amish youths were charged with underage drinking after they crashed their horse-drawn buggy into a police cruiser in upstate New York, authorities said Monday.

Police were dispatched to the town of Sherman on Sunday night in response to complaints about Amish youths drinking and drag racing their horse and carriages on the road, said Chautauqua County Sheriff **Joseph Gerace**.

"These Amish kids in buggies were racing up and down the street," he said. "When police came, there were two buggies on the road and each was taking a lane of traffic up. One of the buggies tried to shift out of the way when a patrol car came and ended up crashing into it," Gerace said.

Four youths were charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Sherman, about 145 kilometres south of Buffalo, is home to a large Amish community.

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