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Was He Worth It?

The last thing Megan ever did was try to send a text. She made one bad decision and it cost her her life.

“Nooo I don’t like J”... Who is J? If Megan didn’t like James? or Jacob? or Justin? He was obviously important enough that Megan had to tell her best friend about him while driving. It really could not wait until she arrived at her friend’s house to tell her in person. Megan was a pro texter but still had to look down twice to type, but the second time she crossed over the centerline and collided with an oncoming vehicle. She looked up just a fraction of a second too late and didn’t have time to readjust. The crash took Megan’s life and the life of a 36 year old mother whose 4 year old was in the back seat. Josh? or Jimmy? Was definately not important enough to die for.

Megan’s decision to text and drive not only impacted her and her families life, but also impacted the life of the mother she killed, her best friend, and the boy she doesn’t like. She took the life of a mother whose daughter has to grow up without her. Her best friend has to live with the guilt that she was the one texting Megan when she died. If she had known she was driving she should not have been texting her. As for the “J” boy he was the last person Megan thought about before she died. Maybe he liked her and this was the way he found out she didn’t like him. He has to live with this weight on his shoulders for the rest of his life as well.

According to CNN teens spend an average of 9 hours a day on their phones (Wallace). Teens spend more time per day on their phones than they do sleeping. For most teens any free minute of the day is spent on their phone. Teens are so addicted to the screen that some can't even put it down while driving. We think we are invincible and driving with our eyes going from screen to road is just a challenge. However, you are 23 times more likely to be in an accident if you are on your phone while driving ("Don't"). Considering teens are the most inexperienced drivers on the road it makes the risk even higher. Unfortunately, many teens do not take the risk seriously until it has a personal impact on themselves.

Works Cited

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