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Arrive alive story

James was just an ordinary student. He made good grades and he was a quarterback on the football team. But his whole life was changed in a second with one simple text to a friend. Our story begins with James heading home from football practice.

It was just another ordinary day for James. Go to school, then football practice after school, then work if they needed him. Today was one of the days James's didn't work though so he was going straight home after football practice. He was on his way home when he received a text from his girlfriend, Dawn, inviting him to a party at her house that evening because her parents were away on a business trip and her little sister was going to a sleepover at a friend's house. James started to type out a reply, only looking at his phone for a few seconds at a time when all of a sudden a deer ran out in front of his car. James swerved to avoid the deer, going off the side of the road into a tree. A few tense minutes later the first responders arrived. They transported James to the hospital, where he was placed in the ICU because he had been injured very severely in the accident. He was in a coma for 2 days and had multiple surgeries. His arm had broke in 3 places and he suffered a concussion. When he woke up, he told the doctors that he couldn't feel any sensation in his legs, so they did a MRI on him and found that he had become paralyzed from the waist down. This meant that he would be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He was no longer able to do football. This ruined his future planes because he was relying on football to get him a scholarship into a good school where he would study business and become a football coach. His girlfriend also dumped him a few weeks after he got out of the hospital because she didn't want to be with someone in a wheelchair. James slowly sank into depression and on the night before his high school graduation, he committed suicide. His accident also cost his family greatly. They were in debt, trying to pay for all his medical bills and the cost of his funeral. Both his parents were forced to work 2 jobs just to cover everything.

When James committed suicide, it hit his younger brother, Brian, the hardest because he had always looked up to James and had always thought of him as a role model. With him gone, he had no one to look up to. He also sank into depression and started doing drugs. He died of an overdose when he was only 27. Don't let this happen to yourself and your family. Put your phone down when you drive. No text is worth your life or the life of your passengers.