

8-Year-Old Killed by Drunk Driver in Alabama Car Crash

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Last week an 8-year-old girl from Kentucky was killed in a car crash on Highway U.S. 31 in Cullman County, Alabama. The girl and her family were traveling for Christmas when their vehicle was struck by a [drunk driver](#), resulting in serious injuries and death.

The accident happened during the evening on Dec. 17. The young girl and her parents were coming from Louisville to visit family in Alabama. According to police, the family's vehicle and another vehicle on the highway were hit by a car. The 45-year-old man driving the car had been drinking.

The girl died at the scene of the accident. She had been wearing her seatbelt. The girl's parents were rushed to a hospital. The mother suffered from a head injury and five broken ribs. She has been released from the hospital. The father is still being treated for his injuries, and friends of the family have claimed that the man is in a coma.

Another woman was injured in the third vehicle. The severity of her injuries is not known.

The drunk driver was not wearing a seatbelt, and he has not sustained any life-threatening injuries. The 45-year-old man was arrested that evening and charged with a DUI. He also faces charges of one count of manslaughter, one count of vehicular homicide and four counts of assault 1st.

Many have been devastated by the tragedy. It is always difficult to lose someone in a [car accident](#), but it is especially heartbreaking when a young child is the victim in a drunk driving accident. The girl's babysitter said, "It just really shows how short life really is. Like I said before she was just here, and so excited to go to Grandma's for Christmas, I can't imagine not getting a hug from her every day."

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