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Investigators: Teen Texting Before Fatal Collision With School Bus

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(ABC 6 NEWS) - The Iowa State Patrol believes a teen from Stacyville was texting before her car collided with a school bus, killing her.

The accident happened in November 2011 on Highway 218 near St. Ansgar.

Authorities say 17 year old Allison Smith was alone in the car and died on the scene. No one on the bus was hurt.

Investigators used cell phone records and video from the school bus to determine that Smith was texting prior to the collision. They also determined that data from the car's airbags show Smith never braked and likely never saw the bus before impact.

Smith was a junior at St. Ansgar High School. Before she was killed, there were only a class of 58 students.