

The individual had spent the evening drinking with friends and was over the legal alcohol limit when he drove his car home. The individual received a text message and was checking the message on his phone, which caused him to be distracted. As a result, he did not see the oncoming vehicle. He was unable to stop in time and crashed into the other vehicle. Both vehicles were severely damaged. The individual sustained a broken wrist in the accident. Initially he seemed otherwise unharmed and spoke to the police officers. However, after 10 minutes he began to speak in a confused manner, and later fell into a coma. Surgeons operated on him and removed a blood clot from his brain. Although the individual recovered from the coma, he was subsequently paralysed and will spend the remainder of his life in a wheelchair.