

Austin's parents, Greg and Stephanie Diersing, are devastated by their son's tragic death. Regardless of today's traffic hearing, there is no win for the family. It is absolutely devastating to them knowing they lost their son because the driver was distracted, left his lane of travel, and was speeding in an area where kids are on their way to school. The driver admitted to the investigating officer that he was distracted by his laptop while driving. Austin's bike did have reflectors and a working light but even if a child has these safety tools on their bike, a driver who is distracted by looking at their laptop while driving will not see them anyway. While nothing can bring Austin back, the family prays that his death will effect change and teach drivers to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists and to pay attention at all times. Hopefully the family's mission to promote safety will prevent another family from going through the daily anguish they now suffer because of the loss of their child.