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The following sentences seem similar, even identical, but each came from a different item in recent editions of

The Times-Dispatch:

- "He was not wearing a seat belt, police said."
- "He was not wearing a seat belt, authorities said."
- "Mosley was not wearing a seat belt, police said."
- "He was not wearing a seat belt, authorities said."
- "Fagg, 51, was not wearing a seat belt, authorities said."
- "He was not wearing a seat belt, authorities said."
- "Duke was not wearing a seat belt, police said."
- "Kirby was not wearing a seat belt, police said."

The stories referred to individuals who died in automobile accidents. People who wear seat belts die in crashes, too, but wearing a seat belt increases one's chances for survival. Each of these sentences also conveys heartbreak and loss. This is a beautiful world, yet these lives were cut short. Friends, when you slide into a car, fasten the seat belt. Please.

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