

# Murder Games

## The Life and Death of Breck Bednar

### Clip 2: Something doesn't feel right

#### Background

The BBC Three docudrama **Murder Games** tells the true story of Breck Bednar, a 14-year-old schoolboy from Surrey who was lured to his death after being groomed online.

Breck was befriended by an older teenager, Lewis Daynes, while playing online video games. Over the course of nine months Lewis became gradually more manipulative towards Breck, eventually persuading Breck to travel alone to Daynes's flat in Essex where he murdered him.

In January 2015, Lewis Daynes, 19, was sentenced to life in prison and will serve a minimum of 25 years in custody.

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In this clip Breck's parents and friends discuss the changes they noticed in Breck after he became friends with Lewis Daynes online.

He gave up many of his hobbies, including the Air Cadets, and became more withdrawn at school.

At home his mum noticed that he was glued to his computer headset and was starting to act out against her rules.

His friends questioned why he was focusing more on someone he knew online, rather than his friends in the real world, but they were unsure what they should do about it.

## Sources of help and advice

**CEOP - The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre** is the UK's national law enforcement agency that focuses on tackling the sexual abuse of children. They have a facility for reporting abuse directly via the CLICK CEOP button on their website.

[ceop.police.uk](http://ceop.police.uk)

### **CEOP Thinkuknow**

Thinkuknow is an education initiative by CEOP providing a wide range of resources for young people and those who work with them.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **ChildLine**

Free helpline and website for young people who are worried about anything, including grooming and exploitation.

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Call 0800 1111 (this number will not show up on a phone bill)

### **The Breck Foundation**

Raises awareness about playing safe whilst using the internet. A resource for parents and children to "Play Virtual / Live Real."

[www.breckbednar.com](http://www.breckbednar.com)

### **Victim Support You & Co**

Victim Support's youth programme that helps young people cope with the impact and effects of crime.

[www.youandco.org.uk](http://www.youandco.org.uk)

### **Stop It Now!**

A campaign by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation aimed at preventing child sexual abuse.

[www.stopitnow.org.uk](http://www.stopitnow.org.uk)