

Murder Games

The Life and Death of Breck Bednar

Clip 3: Am I safe online?

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 mum Lorin speaks to Radio 5 Live and to a group of school children about grooming and online safety.

Although Breck's story is an extreme example, there are plenty of people online who may have hidden agendas, and you never really know who you are talking to.

Breck's friends knew about online safety, but they still found themselves targets. It can be hard to spot grooming, so you can never take too many precautions online.

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

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

ChildLine

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

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

UKIE Ask About Games

Advice on how to play games responsibly and information for families about video game ratings.

www.askaboutgames.com

Safe Network

Safeguarding information for activities outside the home from NSPCC and Children England.

www.safenetwork.org.uk