In hindsight, as parents we did not see anything over the last 9 months that jumped out as a warning sign beyond what you would assume is normal teenage behaviors. Our daughter has been taught on all the dangers of the world through the eyes of me, her step-father and former cop. We did see trouble with homework, grades slowly dropping from 3.8 to a 1.4 avg, less care for siblings, attitude outside of what would be considered respectful (which is completely outside of her normal demeanor) did increase negatively, more care about her looks (spending more time in the mirror than normal, less interest in college and end of school long time goals.

As a parent you go back in your head and think, what did I do wrong....what did I forget to teach her.....why would she, after being taught all the dangers, still knowingly make the wrong decisions.....was I too strict, was I not strict enough......and the worst of all.....

How do we as parents, as a couple and individuals, ever get the trust back to where it was before all of this craziness began. Most families' first instincts are to hold the cards close to the chest, put it aside, keep it a secret and pretend it never happened. That is such a dis-service to our children who will someday be parents and most likely face these same issues we are with our children. It's also a dis-service to all the potential victims out there, who believe the world is this soft safe place that our schools and TV sitcoms brainwashes them to believe is a reality. We should take the time to inform other parents of the risks they all face when it comes to their children and their interactions with the online world. The internet is an inherently unsafe place where predators can hide while searching and preying on innocent children who just want to either be heard, be held, be older than they are, and be a part of the world that up until now has only been at arms length through a computer screen. Phone apps like Kik, Facebook, Snapchat, the list goes on and on and on are like gateway drugs and no amount of adult filters will keep your children from them. Education and communication are key and I hope, through our experience, we have helped just one child, one family from being victims, prey to the thousand of child predators that are out there waiting, lurking just a key stroke away.

January 15

After accepting friend request.

| GIRL |
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| Hello |
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| MAN |
| Hi |
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| GIRL |
| How are you |
| |
| MAN |
| lam board and looking for something to do |
| Wbu |
| Other then that I am fine |
| |
| GIRL |
| that's good, and same here, I'm just watching my baby brother so not too much happening. |
| I'm btw, nice to meet you |
| MAN |
| lam how old r u |
| now old i d |
| GIRL |
| I'm 16, and you? |
| |

MAN

I gotta go I will erase ya iam 30 sorry to bother you but I feel like a creepo now lol

GIRL

lol its ok I don't mind just talking, but if you're still going to go that's fine, nice meeting you

MAN

Well I don't want to be labeled

And I am a flirt and I don't want to get in trouble

GIRL

I won't label you, I'm not like that and plus you seem like a nice guy.

MAN

I am very nice and iam a good person too so if u want when u turn 17 ill talk and maybe flirt but I stay outta trouble and I well I just want to say ur a cutie pie so have a gr8 nite wish u was older

Or I was younger lol

GIRL

lol ok that's perfectly fine I understand, and thank you you're sweet, also if you ever wanna chat I'm here whenever, and ill be 17 on (so if I text you by then that's why lol) and I hope you have a great night too

MAN

Well if u want ill be here too and ill totally be ur friend till then and then ill be ur present lol hope to keep in touch let's keep it between us tho if we do please

U want to text me ill be here I live here by shells gas station and I am a good friend that I need to talk I will talk with ya if u want my # just ask

Dont be shy if u want to ask something do it iam alright with anything I need to talk about

U not I

GIRL

lol awe sounds like a great present, and that would be great, ty. and of course, it'll just be between us.

| Also its probably best if we only talk on here when we do for now if that's ok, and for myself, I live somewhere street. And thank you again, same for me too, I'm practically an open book so if you need anything or have any questions, feel free to ask and I'll answer them for you too |
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| MAN |
| Sounds awesome cutie hope we become good friends |
| GIRL |
| Thank you, and me too. You're already a wonderful guy to me so I think we will:) |
| MAN |
| If u want i will strip for u on ur bday I stripped for a yr and used to for my moms older friends and made a lot but ill do it for free just cause |
| Have a wonderful nite sweetheart goodnite for now 2 |
| U want pics I like to give them too so u want to see me just ask |
| GIRL lol thanks for sharing, I'll keep that in mind, and tbh I think you're kind of cute too, and you too, ty again |
| and sweet dreams© |
| <u>Jan 16th, 6:31pm</u> |
| MAN |
| Hi |
| |
| GIRL |
| hey☺ |
| how was your day |

MAN

It was OK boring but Iam down at

GIRL

sorry it was boring, and that's cool, Ice just been bored too, playing xbox now and about to shower for school tomorrow

MAN

Oh about to shower! U smell or u just had to throw that in there lol???

GIRL

just had to throw that in there lol

MAN

Dang u

I want to see ôô

GIRL

lol sorry, do you have a Snapchat I could text you on? its just easier for me

MAN

Ya

Do be sorry

Don't br

Be

GIRL

ok thanks I'll add you when I'm done showering, and to answer your question, maybe lol

Jan 16th, 9:22pm

GIRL

ok I snapped you, mine is

MAN

I seen damn ur beautiful

Jan 30th, 8:08am

MAN

hey there sweetheart

MAN

How u doing

Jan 30th, 10:46am

GIRL

good morning, I've been ok, just busy with watching my brothers all weekend because my parents were out of town yesterday, how was your weekend and how are you?

Jan 30th, 12:52pm

MAN

they where outta town why didnt u say anything iam ok sad now i could of seen ya and missed out u got any videos or new photos of that gorgeousness of a body u be holding under ur cloths i love ya

Jan 30th, 8:02pm

MAN

hi

Jan 31st, 12:31am

MAN

hey hun how u doing miss u bunches wish i had some help with this i miss ya bunches

Jan 31st, 10:22am

MAN changed the chat colors

MAN set the emoji to 🙂.

Feb 2nd, 10:05pm

GIRL

here are the pictures you didn't get from this morning 3

MAN

show me close ups of boobs and u give me one of ur kitty close up so i can see it iam so.drooling for it

MAN

i got to get out of wifi so i wont be able to talk till tomorrow night when i get a phone card when u thinking on comin goodbye got to go love you

GIRL

awe ok, I love you too. sweet dreams, thinking and dreaming of you always. love you♥

Feb 3rd, 8:23am

MAN

umm u gotta get to me soon
make sure u keep that for me NOBODY else
i love ya

Feb 3rd, 11:35am

MAN

i got my phone back on

Feb 3rd, 2:23pm

MAN

i love you

GIRL

don't worry boo, you're the only man for me and nobody else, love you miremore 3

MAN

i cant wait for u to be able to come see me i want to see u tonight and wishing for u to be able to come live with me

so i can see u anytime and everyday cuddle and kiss u and make love to u

Feb 5th, 9:59pm

GIRL

I don't know if your phone has messenger but if it does, I texted you and I hope we can still meet up, I'm really looking forward to seeing you and loving you tonight . I love you