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Father Warns: Social Networking Sites Can be Deadly

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TYLER---"We liked playing board games and he always won, and I was always like, how do you always win?" Stephanie Edmiston remembers.

Ricky Edmiston was someone his family describes as a creative kid who cared deeply, so deeply that even the people he met online were precious to him, like his online girlfriend.

And that's one reason why his father says Ricky took his own life.

"Ricky had just turned 16. He had just got a driver's license," says Woody Edmiston.

After his son shot himself, Woody decided to find out what was going on in the months before Ricky's death.

You see, just a few months before that fateful day in June 2006, Ricky started having fights with his parents and saying things he would never say before.

"My son had never used a vulgar language at all until he started using a social networking site, and sometimes it was kinda cute because he tried to cuss, but he really didn't know how," Woody reminisces.

When Woody saw his son's MySpace page, things started adding up.

"The conversations that he was having on the sites, they had a direct bearing on the blow-ups that were happening in our home."

He could even go back to the exact dates and match up the messages with the arguments.

Woody decided to write a book warning parents about what MySpace and Facebook can become to some teens.

He writes..."It is a creation that defines them. Their online identity."

Ricky's online identity was Ricky Rokr, a rich rockstar "married" to his "73" year-old girlfriend. When that life fell apart, so did his real life.

His sister doesn't remember "Ricky Rokr," she remembers the brother she could always be "real" with.

"I always felt the most myself around him and that's what I really miss."

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