

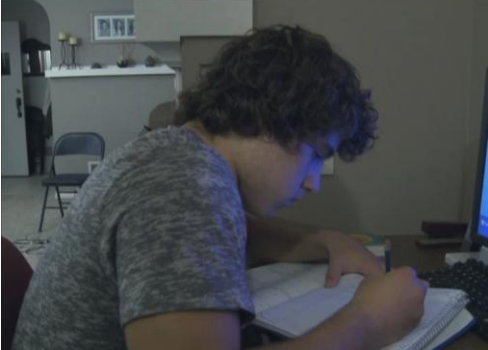
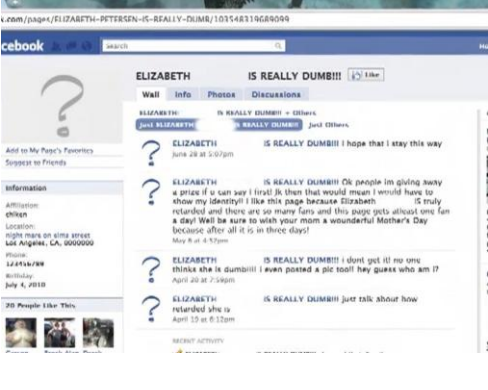





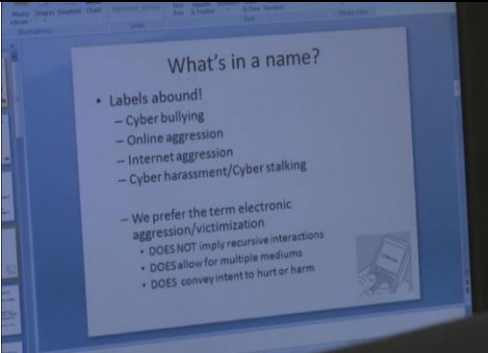


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1.		Animated Open	
2.		Narration: A sophomore at Omaha North High School...	00:00:12
3.		Narration: Drew Hostert's got a lot going on, and a lot going for him. An honors student ranked near the top of his class...a mature-for-his-15-years sophomore who earned varsity football playing time...a wrestler and band member. Drew says he's just loving life. That wasn't the case last year.	00:00:16
4.	 <p>Drew Hostert Student</p>	SOT: Drew Hostert <i>Honestly it ruined my freshman year.</i>	00:00:35
5.		Narration: "It" started one night when Hostert was on the phone with a girl he liked. A very personal exchange that was meant to be private.	00:00:39


6.		<p>SOT: Hostert <i>But she had recorded me. And that recording got sent around in a text message and actually got it on Facebook for a short while.</i></p>	00:00:46
7.		<p>Narration: It spread throughout the school. Drew says the girl and a guy who helped record the call did it as a joke. No laughing matter for Drew.</p>	00:00:57
8.		<p>SOT: Hostert <i>It escalated to such a point where it was just hurtful constantly because it was my friends making fun of me.</i></p>	00:01:06
9.		<p>Narration: Drew is a victim of cyberbullying. It comes in many different forms...another being these Facebook hate pages. The Cyberbullying Research Center describes this as "willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones and other electronic devices."</p>	00:01:13
10.		<p>Narration: Bullies and victims are commonly young people, high school and middle school students. Depending on how the study is defined, researchers believe anywhere from 10 to 50 percent of kids this age have been cyberbullied.</p>	00:01:32
11.		<p>Narration: No surprise to Omaha Benson High School juniors Mae Atkins and Dominick Ramirez.</p>	00:01:44


12.	 <p data-bbox="496 548 659 617">Mae Atkins Student</p>	<p data-bbox="849 195 1122 226">SOT: Mae Atkins</p> <p data-bbox="849 226 1300 331"><i>It's probably not gonna be too hard to find someone being cyberbullied</i></p>	00:01:50
13.	 <p data-bbox="443 970 711 1039">Dominick Ramirez Student</p>	<p data-bbox="849 617 1239 648">SOT: Dominick Ramirez</p> <p data-bbox="849 648 1256 753"><i>It's pretty normal here. It's pretty normal at any high school I'd say.</i></p>	00:01:54
14.		<p data-bbox="849 1039 1019 1071">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 1071 1312 1220">Benson High School principal Anita Harkins-Baldwin says her staff deals with three or four cyberbullying cases a week.</p>	00:01:58
15.	 <p data-bbox="362 1575 792 1644">Anita Harkins-Baldwin Benson High School Principal</p>	<p data-bbox="849 1220 1308 1251">SOT: Anita Harkins-Baldwin</p> <p data-bbox="849 1251 1305 1575"><i>By and large, I would say 90 percent or more of the cases of bullying that we have are cyberbullying. And again, in my personal opinion, as Anita Baldwin, is it's because of that anonymity piece. Kids just don't think anyone's gonna find out.</i></p>	00:02:06

16.	 <p data-bbox="402 552 751 646">Juan Casas Professor of Psychology University of Nebraska</p>	<p data-bbox="849 195 1122 226">SOT: Juan Casas</p> <p data-bbox="849 228 1300 579"><i>We find in some of the studies out there that a third of the children and these are mostly high-schoolers who admit to these kinds of behaviors, say they've done things on their cell phones or computers that they would never do to a person if it was face-to-face interaction.</i></p>	00:02:21
17.		<p data-bbox="849 653 1019 684">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 686 1300 867">Casas, a cyberbullying researcher, says the impact of what he calls electronic aggression is greater than traditional forms of bullying.</p>	00:02:40
18.		<p data-bbox="849 1010 1036 1041">SOT: Casas</p> <p data-bbox="849 1043 1292 1213"><i>With the electronic forms of victimization, not just is there a permanence to it, but the fact that there's no safe haven.</i></p>	00:02:49
19.		<p data-bbox="849 1226 1019 1257">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 1260 1308 1430">What happens to cyberbullying victims? Susan Swearer is an educational psychology professor and author of a book on bullying prevention.</p>	00:03:01

20.	 <p data-bbox="407 583 743 688">Susan Swearer Associate Professor University of Nebraska</p>	<p data-bbox="849 195 1187 226">SOT: Susan Swearer</p> <p data-bbox="849 226 1308 688"><i>These are kids who have higher levels of depression, higher levels of anxiety, typically are more disconnected with school. So then that can impact their educational, you know, attainment. So sometimes, these are kids who have lower grades or kids who drop out of school because school is an unpleasant experience for them.</i></p>	00:03:10
21.	 <p data-bbox="500 1045 651 1115">Sam Petto the.News</p>	<p data-bbox="849 688 1044 720">On Camera:</p> <p data-bbox="849 720 1299 972">And sometimes...suicide. A story that made headlines in 2006 was the death of a 13-year-old Missouri girl. Megan Meier hung herself after being victimized by a MySpace page hoax.</p>	00:03:30
22.		<p data-bbox="849 1115 1019 1146">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 1146 1308 1398">Federal anti-cyberbullying legislation introduced in 2009 is named for Megan Meier. The act, which makes fines and prison sentences possible, is in early stages of discussion in Congress.</p>	00:03:43
23.	 <p data-bbox="508 1738 813 1801"> ■ States With Cyberbullying Laws ■ States With Bullying Laws </p>	<p data-bbox="849 1465 1019 1497">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 1497 1299 1686">43 states have laws addressing the broader issue of bullying...but just six have passed laws dealing specifically with cyberbullying.</p>	00:03:56

24.	 <p data-bbox="423 548 813 653">Raneta Mack Professor of Law Creighton University</p>	<p data-bbox="849 195 1154 226">SOT: Raneta Mack</p> <p data-bbox="849 226 1308 369"><i>This is a new area that the law has to deal with and often times the law is not ready for this kind of conduct.</i></p>	00:04:05
25.		<p data-bbox="849 653 1024 684">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 684 1308 1010">Law professor Raneta Mack is an expert on criminal law and technology-related issues. She explains that cyberbullying presents challenges for the legal system...because it's often hard to identify the bully...and where the bullying is happening.</p>	00:04:13
26.		<p data-bbox="849 1010 1024 1041">SOT: Mack</p> <p data-bbox="849 1041 1308 1329"><i>And so what we're starting to see are laws in states that deal specifically with use of technology and using that to harass people and in some cases, imposing discipline from the school perspective such as expulsion or suspension.</i></p>	00:04:29
27.		<p data-bbox="849 1329 1024 1360">Narration:</p> <p data-bbox="849 1360 1308 1715">The Omaha Public Schools...including Benson High School...have a Code of Conduct that applies broadly to bullying. It gives administrators the ability to punish bullies with suspensions or expulsion. But cyberbullying is a different challenge for educators.</p>	00:04:45

28.		<p>SOT: Harkins-Baldwin <i>We can't discipline the action itself because it's happening on your time and at home. However, if that action creeps back into school in that it creates a negative climate for the students, an unsafe learning environment for students, or kids are talking about it in school, things are said about it in school, then that becomes a referable offense to us and we can then discipline for that behavior.</i></p>	00:05:02
29.		<p>Narration: Education is another part of Benson High School's battle against cyberbullying.</p>	00:05:27
30.		<p>SOT: Harkins-Baldwin <i>We have classes on how to use the Internet properly. We have classes and we talk about it like in our law and juvenile justice class of what happens if such and such happens over the Internet. Or this thing happens. What are the consequences for that person individually. As a society. As a community.</i></p>	00:05:33
31.		<p>Narration: Drew Hostert got his cyberbullying lesson the hard way. And a year after the recorded phone call...he still occasionally hears about it. One indication of the difficulty victims have escaping this type of bullying.</p>	00:05:51

32.		<p>SOT: Hostert <i>I feel like it's never gonna go away, but I feel like I don't have to let it bother me.</i></p>	00:06:05
33.		<p>Narration: Hostert says he dealt with the situation himself and moved on...taking with him a message he'll spread when he sees cyberbullying happening to others.</p>	00:06:11
34.		<p>SOT: Hostert <i>You shouldn't be doing that. I mean, since it happened to me, regardless of whatever it is, no kid should feel that vulnerable or that scared, that intimidated at school.</i></p>	00:06:21
35.		<p>Narration: I'm Sam Petto for the-dot-News.</p>	00:06:34