

Script - True-Life Story

Christina, 14, and Saul, 25

Christina: My name is Christina. I'm 14 years old and, you know, I guess I'm pretty normal. I live in Danbury, Connecticut. I go to a private school, and I'm on the cheerleading squad. Go Titans! Last semester, I got all As and a B. Algebra is not my thing. On weekends, I like to go to the Danbury Fair Mall with my friends and hang out. (stop)

Saul: My name is Saul. I'm from a small town in Brazil but grew up and went to school in the U.S. I like to go into chat rooms and talk to young girls about things that interest them. I like to use chat rooms because I can hide who I am and can talk about anything I want. My screen name is Hot ES 300, named after my Lexus. You see I like to chat with girls that have the same interest as I do. (stop)

Christina: I really like chatting online. I've met a lot of cool people that way. Kids who like what I like. Sometimes when I'm feeling alone, I turn on the computer and see who's chatting. I can sit in my room and chat online for hours. I met one of my best friends online. It's weird, but we totally like the same things, so we have a lot to talk about. His screen name is Hot ES 300, and he's from Rhode Island. I can talk to him about anything—school, guys, and my family. I have friends, but I've never had a friend like him. It's different because I can talk to him about everything, even my other friends. (stop)

Saul: One afternoon in April of 2000 I was instant messaging various people who have similar interests as me and began to chat with a girl whose screen name was Long 2 hot 4 u. Her real name is Christina Long from Danbury, Connecticut. Our similar interests were fast cars. We also liked to flirt with each other. (stop)

Christina: We started chatting about cars and pretty soon we were talking about all kinds of other stuff—personal stuff. He really gets me. No one really knows about him, which is cool. It's like this thing that's totally just between us. He told me that if I told my aunt she might worry, so I should just keep everything between us. He's right, she would probably freak if she knew that I talked to him last week. (stop)

Saul: Today is May 17th, and I am going to meet her at the mall. This is the second time that we are meeting in person. I cannot wait until tonight. It is going to be a night we will never forget. (stop)

Christina: He wants to meet me at the mall. He's driving from Rhode Island just to take me for dinner next Saturday. I'm really excited to meet him. I know exactly what I'm going to wear, and I'm sure he is going to like it. (stop)

Saul: What she doesn't know is that I am going to take her in my car, rape, and then strangle her to death. I am going to dump her body in a ditch and lie to police just like I lied to her. My name is Saul dos Reis. I am 25 years old. I am now sitting in an eight-by-eight-foot cement room. I will be here for the next 30 years for the enticement, seduction, and murder of the girl I met online named Christina. (stop)