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Texting Code Could Land Your Teen in Jail

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ALBANY,GA -- It's no surprise teenagers want to keep secrets from their parents and it seems a new secret code is allowing them to do that on their phones--but doing so could get them in big trouble.

In this digital age, texting has gone way beyond just a simple hello.

As a parent of a teenager, you may think you're pretty tech savvy, knowing certain acronyms like BRB for be right back, or LOL for laugh out loud. But there's an underground language your child may be speaking that is much harder to decode.

For a full list of these codes visit netlingo.com.

It's those types of codes that were found in the middle of a 2010 murder trial in Florida. Defense attorney Jay Hebert defended Rachel Wade, a high school student found guilty of second degree murder after she and another student fought over a boy.

"It's a sad case, two beautiful girls, both lives are ruined, one is gone and one is in prison for a long time and I think both sets of parents were good parents but I think had they been more involved in their children's lives there's a good chance none of that would've happened," says Hebert.

He instructs parents to keep their child's phone charging in their bedroom at 9:00 p.m. to keep kids from sending secret texts at night.

"The computer is dead to these kids, it's all iPads and iPhones and the most important thing is we have to trust but verify. The reality of it is we have to teach them how to act responsibly so that when they're 17, 18, 19 years old and go off to school or society to get a job, they have the tools to cope with these issues," adds Hebert.

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