

Prodigal Son Addendum

James Kosta was an IT Consultant who earned \$1,500 dollars every month at the age of 13. With an 18-year-old girlfriend, pockets full of cash and friends aplenty he began skipping school and staying out late into the night. Then his parents issued him with an ultimatum: If he wanted to live under their roof he had to give it all up and focus on school. Kosta reacted by legally emancipating himself from the custody of his parents.

Very soon, Kosta's Computer skills attracted the attention of hackers. Together they hacked into major Computer Networks such as General Electric and IBM. At the age of 14, he was arrested by the FBI. Since the emancipation, he wasn't technically a child. So the FBI charged him as an adult and was sentenced to prison for 45 years.

The story didn't end there.

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At the beginning of this sermon, I mentioned that Kosta was given a prison sentence of 45 years. The Judge, however, wanted to give him a second chance. He ordered that Kosta be sent to the Juvenile detention center, instead of a maximum security prison and suspended his sentence on the condition that he will not commit another crime and join the Military when eligible. Kosta was released after a year and joined the Military. Later he was recruited by the US Army, the Navy as well as the CIA to help them trace crimes committed using Computers around the world. Long story short today Kosta runs the multimillion-dollar game development firm known as 3G Studios. A huge part of his company is focused on teen mentoring for troubled youth. Kosta will not be

who he is today if it was not for that Judge who gave him a second chance.