



RICKY CONFRONTS AMY ABOUT LEGAL VISITATION RIGHTS, AND BEN'S ITALIAN GIRLFRIEND TRAVELS TO THE STATES, IN "THE SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER," PREMIERING MONDAY, JANUARY 11th AT 8:00PM ET/PT

Burbank, CA (Monday, December 21, 2009) – Ben's Italian girlfriend comes stateside for a visit and Ricky confronts Amy about having legal rights to John, in "Til It's Gone," an all new episode of "**The Secret Life of the American Teenager**" premiering **Monday, January 11th (8:00-9:00PM ET/PT)**.

With Maria in town, Ben is torn between doing the honorable thing and staying faithful to Amy or doing what his heart is telling him and resuming his Italian summer fling. During their visit to Mimsy's house, Anne runs into her old high school flame, Josh, while Amy flirts with his son, Jimmy. Ricky finally confronts Amy about legal visitation rights to John and, with the help of Reuben, will fight for his rights as a father.

The heartfelt drama "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" focuses on the relationships between families and friends and how they deal with teenage issues, including an unexpected pregnancy. Created and executive-produced by Brenda Hampton, the series stars Shailene Woodley, Molly Ringwald, Mark Derwin, India Easley, Ken Baumann, Daren Kagasoff, Francia Raisa, Megan Park and Greg Finley.

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