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Mobile County Sheriff Sam Cochran, center, looks on Friday as Mary G. Montgomery High School senior Hannah Cagle, 17, makes a face when she sees her picture on a computer after it was rendered by Mobile County Sheriff's Deputy Vanessa Matthews using the Face2Face system Friday. **Below:** Matthews takes a picture of senior Emily Nadeau, 17, to be run through the system.

Future glimpse

Mary G. Montgomery students see what their faces look like on meth

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Emily Nadeau gasped. The 17-year-old Mary G. Montgomery High School senior watched as a Mobile County sheriff's deputy manipulated an image of her face on a computer screen. The youthful girl's skin sagged. The area under her eyes darkened. And there were wrinkles.

Nadeau was taken aback to see how she'd look if addicted to methamphetamine.

"I know I'll never, ever, ever try drugs," she said, "because that looked awful."

Nine more high school students got the chance to see how they'd look hooked on meth during a Friday news conference, where Deputy Vanessa Matthews demonstrated the department's newest tech toy —



Face2Face.

The software program works by capturing a person's face on two high-resolution digital cameras, then transforming the images to

show in 3D what that person will look like after six months, one year and three years of methamphetamine use.

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Hannah Cagle, 17, a Mary G. Montgomery High School senior, grimaces as she looks at her picture after it was rendered using the Face2Face software program Friday.

Students see their meth faces

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Friday was the first time the students saw the program, but Sheriff Sam Cochran said he plans to take Face2Face into area schools to deter at-risk youth from trying the drug.

"You come from an area of the county that seems to have an inordi-

nate amount of people who use meth," he told the students, whose school is in Semmes. "As leaders in your school, you'll have so many opportunities to help people and prevent them from getting on meth."

"I'll tell them not to use it," Nadeau said. "That was not real cute."