

Intrafamilial Child Abuse Case Study

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2020

- Mother contacts Dorset Police to report that her father has been sexually abusing her children.
- Her daughter is aged 5 and son is aged 9.
- The Sweetie game.
- Suspect challenged by mother.
- Strategy Discussion held. Section 47 Joint Investigation.

Forensic Considerations



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VRI of the victims

- Both victims require Intermediary assessment and presence in interview. This can cause delay.
- Safeguarding addressed through suspect not having contact.
- Decision made not to arrest suspect prior to VRI of victims.
- 21/01/2020 – First interview with daughter.
- Discloses sexual abuse by grandfather.
- 29/01/2020 – First interview with son.
- Discloses sexual abuse by grandfather.

Further interviews of victims.

Daughter discloses to her
mother further details of the
abuse.

30 Jan. 2020

16 Feb. 2020

Daughter discloses her
grandfather taking photos of
the abuse on his mobile
phone.

The Suspect

- Arrested on 26th February 2020
- Mobile phone and other devices seized – For examination by Digital Forensic Unit.
- Interview conducted. Partial admissions made.
- Relevant Bad Character evidence.
- Conviction from 1999. Gross Indecency against a female under 16.
- Complaint from 2018 of sexual abuse of another child within the family.

Crown Prosecution Service

- Case sent through to CPS for Early Advice
- Action Plan returned setting further enquiries.
- Third Party held material.
- All disclosure statements.
- Examination of all seized devices.
- Charges authorised on 10th May 2021

Bournemouth Crown Court

- Defendant enters guilty pleas.
- Sexual Harm Prevention Order
- Sentencing on 20/10/2021

- Six years imprisonment.
- SHPO to run for 15 years.
- Registered Sex Offender.



Questions?