

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." (Edmund Burke)

PROPERTY V. LIBERTY

Which is really more important, property or liberty? Police chiefs have issued a warning that anyone making a false allegation of *theft* could face prosecution. Inspector Gary Hall, head of Middleton Police, has decided to take the tough stance against time-wasters after two false claims (one man trying to get an emergency giro by reporting a non-existent theft, and another reporting a 'stolen' mobile phone) were made in the same morning. He said: "I would like to put the message out that we will fully investigate any claim. "If they are found to be false then we will take positive action."

Meanwhile (back at the ranch) on 23rd June 2005, Essex police stated that the maximum fine they could impose on someone making a false allegation of *sexual assault* (without taking *costly* court action) was an £80 fixed penalty notice and that "The £80 fixed penalty notice is the way the Home Office asks police officers to deal with such offences."

SAFARI have asked the Home Office for their response to this ... when (if!) we hear back from them, we'll let you know their reasoning!

Essex, of course, are the same police force who are now dealing with six cases in which parents allege serious criminal offences have been committed by social workers and paediatricians resulting in false allegations made against them in order to get children released for adoption through the Family Court. The parents have said that they will not stop their actions and more cases will be presented to the Police, until there is a determination by the Police to charge those involved in the documented criminal activities.

RULE 39 VIOLATIONS. Have you suffered from these? If so, Kriss McCord of 33 Westmoore Court, Westdale Lane, Mapperley, Notts, NG3 6EE would like to hear from you. (SAE appreciated).

"FRIVOLOUS AND VEXATIOUS...."

"...multiple complaints by a small vocal pressure group are vexatious rather than frivolous, so more easily recognised; the law has long known how to deal with vexatious litigants, but, unfortunately, the GMC seems to lack any such mechanism."

This is an extract from a letter sent to the British Medical Journal in 2002 by a number of doctors whingeing about 'frivolous and vexatious complaints.' Co-signatories include **Prof. Sir Roy Meadow** (now struck off..), **David Southall** (now found guilty of serious professional misconduct), and these:

- Bamford, Frank
- Bentovim, Arnon
- Carter, Elaine
- Chalmers, Iain
- Davis, Paul
- Evans, Dewi R
- Foreman, David
- Glaser, Danya
- Hey, Edmund
- Lowry, Michael
- Marcovitch, Harvey
- Milla, Peter
- Paton, James
- Samuels, Martin
- Sibert, Jo
- Stephenson, John

Doesn't it occur to these 'experts' that the innocent people they accuse of anything from abuse to murder find the results of their 'expert opinions' somewhat *more* than 'vexatious?' Facing years of imprisonment, having your children taken away from you or your access rights radically restricted (not to mention your name and character destroyed in the criminal or family courts) IS NOT 'FRIVOLOUS!' The full text of the experts' letter can be downloaded from the SAFARI website (click on the link from the front page).

TIME FOR REFORM IN THE CCRC. It's been said (with some degree of justification) that the CCRC appear to be more interested in clearing their backlog of cases than they are in clearing the names of the innocent. SAFARI are hoping to put together a dossier of cases where the CCRC got it demonstrably wrong – and by that we mean cases that were *turned down* by the CCRC, which then went on to appeal and convictions were overturned. If you have any data on this, please let us have it!

DON'T QUIT! We recently received a letter from a member who had been turned down by three solicitors, having been told by his trial solicitor that he had no grounds for appeal. He has now been taken on by another solicitor who has found no less than six *prima facie* grounds of appeal; further funding has been applied for and granted and his case has been given to a QC to present at a Leave to Appeal hearing. The moral of this story is, if you are sure there are grounds for appeal, keep hunting until you find a solicitor who agrees with you!

SOCIAL WORKERS, BLESS 'EM! Back in 1996 a USA social worker accidentally turned on the video camera when setting it up for an interview. It recorded her explaining to an ex-wife and child how to make and phrase false allegations of abuse by the father. Then, thinking she was turning the camera on, she conducted the phoney interview and sent a copy of the tape to the father - complete with her instructions on how to make false allegations! The father (a lawyer) sued for damages. We wonder how often this sort of "therapy" goes undetected. Anyone reminded of Essex?

Thanks to Terry McCarthy at the Parole Board for supplying us with the latest figures for those who achieved release on Parole whilst maintaining innocence.

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<i>Non-lifers:</i>			
All offences	33	of 74	44.6%
Rape	10	of 29	34.5%
Indecent Assault	6	of 11	54.5%
Other Sex	1	of 2	50.0%
Violence	2	of 4	50.0%
Property	6	of 12	50.0%
Drugs	4	of 7	57.1%
Others	4	of 9	44.4%
Total Sex	17	of 42	40.5%
Total Non Sex	16	of 32	50.0%
<i>Lifers only</i>	1	of 11	9.1%
<small>(5 of the 11 lifers recommended for open conditions)</small>			

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