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Influence of Advancement of Communication in Curbing Crimes; Based on a Case History of Child Sexual Abuse

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Introduction

In the present generation, people are educated, sophisticated and connected because of technological advancement and the mobile phone is no more a luxury item. People are skeptical about the use of mobile phones with smart facilities because those may contribute to crimes. However, if it is used appropriately, as discussed in this case, it is helpful not only to the community but also to the criminal justice system.

Case History

A friend of the 7 year old victim's mother, who was travelling in a train saw a stranger clad in white sarong and yellow shirt, carrying her friend's daughter towards petrol station and immediately informed by her mobile phone. Person who was near the petrol station informed that her daughter was taken by such a person to the jungle. Following a search, the child was found without the belt and shoes. The suspect was found while hiding in a paddy field.

According to the child, an uncle told that he is known to her mother and the three wheel would not come to pick her up and he would take her to home. Then she was taken to a jungle and asked to touch his genitals, he licked her genital area, then had attempted sexual intercourse.

On examination, no extra genital injuries were found. No secondary sexual characteristics. Genital examination showed intact crescentic hymen and a contusion 0.5cm x 0.5cm in right vestibule.

Psychiatric, STD and paediatric referrals were unremarkable. Institutional Case conference- was not conducted as it was not indicated. Opinion was given as evidence of inter-labial penetration. Finally, the informant was rewarded by the Medical Superintendent of GH Puttalam.

Conclusions

Advancement of the communication technology has contributed to save a child from being severely abused by an adult. Rewarding such members in the society should be encouraged.