

# Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Articles are listed in alphabetical order by state within each category, so you can easily scan through the articles for those within your state or other states in which you have an interest. *International* articles are near the end. The categories are: *Abuse and Neglect, Guardianship, Laws & Legislation, Studies & Statistics, Improved Supports, International, and sometimes, Miscellaneous.*

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## **Abuse and Neglect:**

Sexual Assault: 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 115, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, 34, 53, 55, 56, 59, 63

Physical Abuse: 3, 8, 9, 12, 15, 19, 221, 22, 223, 25, 26, 28, 57

Emotional/Verbal Abuse: 6, 9, 14, 31, 33

Financial abuse: 15, 29

Human Trafficking: 58

Kept Enclosed: 5

Murder: 7, 15, 18 Attempted Murder: 8

Neglected: 1, 2, 12, 60

Related to special education: 5, 12, 13, 17, 22, 23, 33

Social Media Abuse: 11 (perpetrator photographed victim)

**WINNER of most egregious award:** 18: Perpetrators sentenced to probation in violation of public health laws that led to death of patients.

**WINNER of “good job” award:** 2: Governor calls for complete replacement of leadership at skilled nursing facility, site of abuses. (AZ)

**WHO DUN IT** (listed by article number):

Family: 21, 58, 60

Driver: 53

Hospital: 1, 6, 9, 15

Carer: 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, 19, 21, 26, 29, 30, 34, 55, 56, 57, 59

Co-resident: 4

Co-camper: 20

Human Services worker: 25

Stranger: 11

Store Owner: 14

Special education employee: Bus driver: 3, 12; teacher: 17, 22, 23; teacher’s aide: 28; therapist: 63; principal: 33B

Men: 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 20 (male minor), 21, 24, 25, 28, 30, 33, 34, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60

Women: 5, 9, 17, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 57, 63

**Good News:** 38: abortion prohibited on basis of disability of fetus; 39:

Extension of financial support to people with disability in learning institutions; 41: Impact of witnessing domestic violence is acknowledged; 45: Report issued with recommendation to reduce the risk of abuse is issued in Arizona; 65: Documentary show mother's role in supporting her son with Asperger's.

### **Bad News:**

16: Special education funds mismanaged; 32: Military families complain of inadequate special educational services particularly in light of multiple moves required of service personnel; 35: New conservatorship law will harm vulnerable adults; 54: Report says at least one half of patients under 16 with mental illness in long term care residential programs become victims of sexual assault.

### **ABUSE & NEGLECT**

1. "Man Arrested in Hacienda Sex Assault Case Voluntarily Surrenders Nursing License" - Nathan Sutherland, the man arrested for the sexual assault and impregnation of an incapacitated woman, has voluntarily surrendered his nursing license, according to an online licensing database. His surrender comes hours before a special meeting was scheduled Friday afternoon by the Arizona State Board of Nursing to vote on suspending his license. – KGUN 9 – January 26, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/4PcdhC>
2. "Governor Ducey Calls for "Complete Replacement" of Senior Leadership at Hacienda Healthcare" - "The senior leadership in that enterprise needs to be completely replaced," Ducey wrote. "That includes the Board of Directors, every one of whom should be terminated immediately." – ABC 15 – January 25, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/ePL2IO>
3. "Connecticut School Bus Aide Accused of Assaulting Teen With Autism" - A school bus aide in Connecticut is under arrest, accused of repeatedly assaulting a teenager with autism. The alleged incident happened back on

November 19, but the suspect, 68-year-old Joseph Jean-Felix, was taken into custody last week and made a court appearance Friday. – WABC 7 – January 25, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/EdNU2x>

4. “A Bedridden Woman Was Sexually Assaulted at a Connecticut Nursing Home. Police Say a Fellow Patient Did It”. Elias Saldana, 58, a former patient of the RegalCare at Southport, was arrested last week and charged with second-degree sexual assault, fourth-degree sexual assault, second-degree burglary and second-degree reckless endangerment, police said Monday. – Hartford Courant – January 28, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/y5Nkh5>
  
5. “Teacher, Aides Accused of Locking Autistic Children in Dark Room as Punishment — at School for Disabled” - Teacher Margaret Wolthers, 48, and aides Diana LaCroix, 52, and Carolyn Madison, 47, were responsible for several incidents involving a 10-year-old and two 8-year-olds from Sept. 1 to Nov. 14, the sheriff's office told the Herald. – The Blaze- January 29, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/aPKYOk>
  
6. “Quincy Nursing Home Fined After Reported Mental Abuse by Staffer” - A Quincy nursing home has been fined after a staff member reportedly slapped a baby doll belonging to a resident who suffered from dementia. The Illinois Department of Public Health issued the \$2,200 fine to St. Vincent's Home for the incident. The fine was released as part of the department's fourth quarter report of nursing home violations. – Herald Whig – February 1, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/oEomZ0>
  
7. “Man Charged with Murder After Olathe Woman Found Dead in Home” - Raymond McManness, 51, was arrested and booked on Thursday night. The

relationship between the suspect and victim isn't explicitly spelled out, but Raymond McManness is also charged with physical mistreatment of a dependent adult in addition to murder. – Fox4KC – January 25, 2019 (Kansas) - <https://is.gd/JstCAv>

8. “Louisville Man Accused of Rape, Sodomy of a Disabled Victim” - A man accused in the rape and sodomy of a disabled woman was arraigned in court on Friday, and ordered to be held on a \$50,000 dollar bond. According to WAVE, 26-year-old Chezzare English was in a home on Portland Avenue with the victim and the victim's boyfriend on Thursday. When the boyfriend left, English reportedly grabbed a knife, threatened to kill the disabled victim, and assaulted her. English was arrested later that day. At his arraignment today, a judge denied a request from English's attorney that he be released on home incarceration. – WKYT – January 25, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/bf4Mbv>
  
9. “Two Former Hazard Caregivers Plead Guilty to Abusing Vulnerable Adult” - Two people pleaded guilty Friday to abusing and neglecting a vulnerable adult at a Hazard mental and physical disability facility. Authorities said Penny Caudill, 43, and John Hundley, 42, pleaded guilty to one count of wanton abuse or neglect of an adult, which is a Class D felony. – WYMT- February 1, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/UaxdVt>
  
10. “12-year-old autistic student found walking on the highway after he was left on an empty bus” - A Breaux Bridge mother said she is furious today because her 12-year-old autistic son was found walking on side of the highway in Henderson after he woke up on a parked bus alone. – Myarklamiss- February 1, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/PfLNWk>

11. “Virginia Beach Man who Sexual Assaulted a Mentally Disabled Man in 2017, Arrested in St. Mary’s County for Recording a Man in Walmart Bathroom” - In June of 2017, Albritton was charged with sexually assaulting a 26-year-old mentally disabled male in Virginia Beach. Albritton was charged with creating an illegal image of a person, object sexual penetration and the aggravated sexual battery of an incapacitated person because the alleged victim in this case is mentally disabled. – Southern Maryland News Net – January 27, 2019 – (Maryland) - <https://is.gd/Wu9k05>
  
12. “Billerica Man Indicted on Six Counts of Rape” - A Billerica man was indicted on six counts of rape, as well as assault and battery on a disabled person, caretaker neglect, reckless endangerment of a child and two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor. – Wicked Local Billerica- January 29, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/eCPzKS>
  
13. “Randolph Special Education Teacher on Leave After Allegations of Mistreating Students” In statement to parents Friday interim Superintendent Thea Stovell called the allegations “deeply concerning.” Stovell said the Randolph Public School system is investigating the matter internally and has notified Randolph Police and the state’s Department of Children and Families. Stovell, citing personnel matters and an internal investigation, declined to name the teacher or the nature of the alleged mistreatment. – The Patriot Ledger – January 28, 2019- (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/czQB4J>
  
14. “2-Year-Old Expelled by Mall, Community Demands Disability Rights” - In December, a Rogers Plaza employee ejected Claire, who is learning to walk with a walker, and with great effort. The agitated employee demanded Claire leave, along with her grandfather and a therapist who were assisting

her in learning. The mall is upset that Claire sat down to rest on the floor. There is video footage of the confrontation. – Fight Back News – January 28, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/Ay3VKH>

15. “Investigators Say Abuse, Neglect at Chappy’s Golden Shores Led to Deaths of Two Clients” - The investigation resulted in 10 substantiated complaints including maltreatment findings in the forms of sexual, physical and emotional abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of clients by the facility and its caregivers. Two cases were believed to have resulted in the eventual deaths of clients of Chappy’s Golden Shores. – Aitkin Age – January 30, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/pULaSQ>

16. “Carl Ladd: The Facts About Unspent Special Education Funds” - Educators also strive to be conscientious stewards of community tax dollars, which is why the New Hampshire School Administrators Association was alarmed by recent announcements made by the New Hampshire Department of Education that implied educators throughout the state have mismanaged special education funds. – Concord Monitor – January 26, 2019 – (New Hampshire) - <https://is.gd/RfEBN6>

17. “Special Education Teacher Jailed on Sex with Student Charges” - Alexandra Reiner, 30, of Eastampton, faces second degree charges of sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child, according to the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office. – NJ.Com True Jersey – January 29, 2019 – (New Jersey)- <https://is.gd/vfH4IT>

18. “Health Care Workers Sentenced to Probation in Nursing Home Death” - A jury in October convicted registered nurses Sijimole Reji, 44, of Smithtown, and Annieamma Augustine, 59, of West Hempstead, along with certified

nurse aide Martine Morland, 43, of Freeport, of the misdemeanor offense of willful violation of public health laws. – Newsday – January 25, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/nv2B8O>

19. “Troopers: Rensselaer woman abused special needs child” - Kathy A. Retos, 61, was arrested Monday on two felony counts of endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person. – Times Union – January 31, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/0MSBJ9>

20. “Lawsuits Claim Child Sexual Assaults at Former Duke Summer Camp for Sick Kids” - All three lawsuits claim that on multiple nights in July 2017, five campers ages 7 to 10 were left alone in a bunkhouse for an hour or more while their counselors attended a mandatory meeting. While they were alone and unsupervised, the lawsuits say, one of the children — who was not sick or disabled but was attending because he was the son of a camp counselor — instigated sexual acts on and between at least three other children. – The Charlotte Observer – January 29, 2019 – (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/oUUpfV>

21. “Son, Caretaker Accused of Assaulting Mother at Iredell Co. Home” - According to Iredell County Sheriff’s Office, the victim told deputies she was in an argument with her son, Raymond Grimes, when he grabbed her by the arms and threw her into a wall inside the house. The victim says she was injured after she fell and hit her head on both the wall and table. The victim claims the abuse had been going on for several weeks before she contacted officials for help, officials say. – WBTV – January 25, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/B709RV>

22. “Ex-Teacher Charged with Hitting Student” -Jamie Dunn, 35, of Spring Hope, is charged with simple assault. She's accused of using a closed fist to hit a 15-year-old female student on the arm on April 30 at Rocky Mount Middle School, according to her arrest warrant. – Rocky Mountain Telegram – January 27, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/WbiluS>
23. “Stanley Teacher Accused of Abusing Special Needs Students” - The 52-page lawsuit, filed Jan. 24, 2019, names as defendants the Gaston County Board of Education, the accused teacher, and administrators with Gaston County Schools, including the school’s principal. The plaintiffs are represented by the law firms of Arcangela M. Mazzariello in Gastonia and Seiferflatow, PLLC in Charlotte. – Gaston Gazette – January 30, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/w1GMe3>
24. “Lewisburg Man Faces Hundreds of Charges Including Rape” - Stanley Dean St. Clair of 179 Redtail Lane reportedly confessed to police that he had sex with a 47-year-old mentally disabled woman on a monthly basis for years. Police said the woman reported the assaults to a caseworker during a counseling session in November 2018. – North Central PA – February 1, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/UexA7o>
25. “Man Charged with Abuse of Vulnerable Adult” - According to a warrant obtained by ABC Columbia News, in January of last year, 46 year old James Gray was working as a Human Services Assistant. During that time, the warrant states Gray grabbed a patient at MRC around the waist, picked him up, and slammed him down on the ground. – ABC Columbia – January 31, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/huWE41>

26. "Columbia Nurse Charged After Hitting Vulnerable Adult in the Face, Warrants Say" - Fifty-five-year-old Gladies Agbaso is charged with abuse of a vulnerable adult, according to an arrest warrant. According to the warrant, Agbaso hit the person's face with her hand while that person was a patient at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital. Agbaso was working as a certified nurse when the incident happened. – WACH 57 – February 1, 2019 – (South Carolina)
27. "Rutherford County Parents Say Autistic Son Sexually Abused by Aide" - In the complaint, parents say a teacher's aide touched their 8th grade autistic son inappropriately. It goes on to say employees caught the aide on two separate occasions, yet the parents only found out through a resource officer after the second encounter. – Fox 17 – January 24, 2019 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/du0r1E>
28. "Man Who Uses Wheelchair Brutally Attacked Inside Apartment, Police Say" - Dantonio Newsom is charged with Criminal Attempted- Second Degree Murder for the assault. Police were called to the 100 of Simpson Avenue on January 26 when someone heard the victim calling for help. When officers arrived, they found the victim bleeding from his head. He told police he was hit in the head with a metal broomstick at least 50 times, court records said. – Fox 13 News – January 28, 2019 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/EX3eeG>
29. "Nursing Home Employee Arrested, Accused of Stealing Patient's Jewelry" - Amy Eileen Vela, 33, is accused of stealing numerous pieces of jewelry worth about \$16,000 from an 80-year-old patient diagnosed with dementia living at Wyoming Springs Assisted Living and Memory Care in Round Rock. – KXAN – January 30, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/Jk0wW4>

30. Caregiver Accused of Sexually Assaulting Disabled 69-Year-Old Woman in Shower” - Mark Countryman, 59, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a disabled or elderly person. He was specifically accused of violating the woman in the shower at the Lawrence Street Health Care Center in Tomball, according to court records. – Chron – January 31, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/DQnwVd>
31. “Nike Apologizes Over Alleged Discrimination of Special Needs Students at Lehi Outlet”- Lehi Junior High School students were visiting the Outlets at Traverse Mountain as part of a field trip for special needs students and their peer mentors. He says, while some of the employees were nice to them, their group was glared at by other staff members, before being asked to leave. – 2 KUTV – January 26, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/6EmO6K>
32. “These Military Families Say Public Schools Aren’t Supporting Their Special-Needs Kids” - Navigating a school system can be challenging for any parent with a child who has special needs, but, for military families, that stress is compounded by their lifestyle of repeated moves and attending different schools that offer varying levels of services. – PBS NewsHour – January 29, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/gHLJZZ>
33. “Boy with Autism Locked Out of Kent School, Principal Placed on Administrative Leave” - The mother of an 11-year-old boy with autism says his school’s principal locked him out of the building on purpose, leaving her son emotionally traumatized last month. Now the principal at Springbrook Elementary in Kent has been placed on paid, administrative leave. – Q13 Fox – January 27, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/lsITUh>

34. “Nekoosa Man Charged with Assaulting Mentally Disabled Female” - Alex Kundert, 20, of Nekoosa, was charged in Wood County court Monday with second degree sexual assault of a mentally ill victim. According to the criminal complaint Kundert was a caregiver for a mentally disabled female and he sexually assaulted her sometime between Dec. 1, 2017 and Jan. 28, 2018. – WSAW – January 28, 2019 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/LRgiXI>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

35. “The New Conservatorship Law Will Incarcerate and Steal from Unhoused People” - “SB1045 expands who can be ‘conserved’ in three counties in California,” said Susan Messner with the ACLU, who spoke at a town hall on this law recently held in San Francisco. “It is targeted,” she said, “at homeless people with psychiatric and/or addiction issues.” – Bay View – January 25, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/0yd0xs>

36. “Report: PA Taking Steps to Eliminate Elder Abuse” - The court’s Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts released its latest progress report, outlining efforts the judiciary is taking to combat elder abuse. The report highlights several efforts, including the development and implementation of a Guardianship Tracking System to give courts the ability to better monitor guardianships through a uniform statewide process. – The Sentinel – January 29, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/RNOXLh>

37. “Wyoming Legislature Considers Changes to Guardianship Laws” - Wyoming lawmakers are taking another crack at proposals that would give a child’s best interest more consideration in custody proceedings. – Wyoming Tribune Eagle- January 31, 2019 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/ZzDkQW>

## LAWS & LEGISLATION

38. “Abortion law: Abortion Due to Disability 'Prohibited'” - Terminating a pregnancy because of a disability is prohibited by international treaty, a court heard on Thursday. – BBC News – January 31, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/M7Bebn>
39. “Trump Signs Extension of Program That Helps People Leave Institutions” - President Donald Trump signed legislation late last week that included \$112 million for Money Follows the Person. The program provides states with additional Medicaid dollars to cover employment and housing services to help transition people from nursing homes or other institutional facilities into apartments or small group homes.- Disability Scoop – January 29, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/McU1xw>

## STUDIES & STATISTICS

40. “Hacienda Rape Case Puts Spotlight on a Larger Problem in Arizona, Report Says” - The [Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council](#) on Tuesday released a report highlighting Arizona's shortcomings in protecting some of its most defenseless residents from sexual abuse. – AZ Central – January 30, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/cxL3zT>
41. “The Startling Toll on Children Who Witness Domestic Violence is Just Now Being Understood” - New research is giving scientists more insight into the far-reaching and long-lasting harms of domestic violence to the children who grow up around it – including a startling finding: Witnessing abuse carries the same risk of harm to children's mental health and learning as being abused directly. – USA Today – January 29, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/DVmx2V>

42. “Inclusion Improves Academic Outcomes for Students With Disabilities, IU Study Shows” - The study, conducted by the Center on Education and Lifelong Learning at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at IU Bloomington, followed a cohort of Indiana students with disabilities, from third through eighth grade, to assess the relationship between academic success and special education placement in high-, mixed- and low inclusive classrooms. – Indiana University – January 29, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/rVc3vl> DAH?!
43. “Illinois Department of Public Health Releases Fourth Quarter Report of Nursing Home Violators” - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced the 2018 Fourth Quarterly Report of Nursing Home Violators is now posted on IDPH’s website. The report contains additional information about the violations. – River Bender – January 25, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/KhgZSs>
44. “Study strengthens autism’s curious link to gender variance” -In a commentary published earlier this month, two physicians questioned whether the link between autism and gender dysphoria — distress over the mismatch between the gender assigned to a person at birth and the gender they identify with — is real. The commentary drew swift rebuttals in the journal from scientists who study the overlap, who argue that “perpetuating misunderstanding” about the link delays these autistic individuals’ access to care. – Spectrum – January 28, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/QZpVI9>

## IMPROVED SUPPORTS

45. "Council Issues Recommendations for Disabled Care Following Hacienda Sexual Assault" -The report, released Tuesday, "includes actions state agencies, providers, and families can take to prevent and reduce sexual abuse of vulnerable adults in Arizona," according to a release from ADDPC. – ABC 15 – January 30, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/vMoafV>
  
46. "Lawmakers Hear Testimony on Abuse of People with Disabilities" - Gov. Doug Ducey's Developmental Disabilities Planning Council hosted a public meeting at the historic Capitol building on Jan. 23 to explore potential solutions offered by people with disabilities and advocates – Arizona Capitol Times – January 24, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/ALZUHC>
  
47. "Arizona Catholic Schools Open Their Doors to Students with Special Needs" - And now, decades after public schools were required to provide special education under federal law, private schools in Arizona are making changes to become more inclusive. – AZ Central – January 28, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/Oj8ihY>
  
48. "The Public's Health: Local Task Force is Tackling Treatment Obstacles for Substance Abusers" - The task force was launched by Butte-Silver Bow Chief Executive Dave Palmer shortly after he took office in 2017. The task force ultimately was chaired and facilitated by private therapist Laura Cross, a licensed clinical professional counselor who volunteers on the board of Butte Cares. – Montana Standard – January 30, 2019 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/AxyA1o>
  
49. "Rosendale Creates Task Force to Protect Montana's Elderly" - State Auditor Matt Rosendale announced in a Wednesday news release the

creation of a task force to better protect Montana's older adult population from financial crimes and abuse. – Great Falls Tribune – January 30, 2019 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/ZYf68M>

50. “U.S. Banks Working to Guard Seniors from Rising Financial Abuse” - n recent years, financial institutions and various levels of government have acted to empower employees to identify and prevent various forms of fraud. – UPI – January 31, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/dGAW75>

## INTERNATIONAL

51. “Advancing Access to Justice for People with Disabilities in Armenia” - In May 2017, the UN [Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reviewed Armenia](#)'s compliance with its treaty obligations to people with disabilities and called on the government to ensure people with disabilities can participate in legal proceedings on an equal basis with others. – Human Rights Watch – January 26, 2019 – (Armenia) - <https://is.gd/FbXULM>

52. “Funding Investment to Continue and Expand Mental Health Employment Support” - One of Australia's leading mental health organizations, headspace will continue to help young people with mental illness find meaningful employment following a Government funding boost of \$17 million. -Disability Support Guide – January 29, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/81tcDV>

53. “Driver Jailed for Sexually Assaulting Mentally-Ill Woman in Dubai” - A driver, who lured a woman suffering from mental illness into a hotel room and sexually assaulted her there, was sentenced to two years in jail on Monday by a Dubai court. – Khaleej Times – January 28, 2019 – (Dubai) - <https://is.gd/esc2AE>

54. “Ministry Sets Measures to Stop Rape at Care Centers” -At least half of mentally disabled patients staying at long-term care facilities who have been raped were younger than 16, the ministry said. An investigation found that as many as 36 percent of male workers at some care facilities had sexually assaulted disabled male or female patients, it said. – Taipei Times – January 30, 2019 – (Japan) - <https://is.gd/9nXsBK>
55. “Autistic Woman Diagnosed with HIV After Sexual Assault at Care Facility: Reports” -After a police investigation, they found the disease was sexually transmitted and added she lacked the mental capacity to consent to sexual activity. A night shift worker abused the woman at the home in Brent, and another five residents may have been assaulted by the same worker between 2006 and 2016, the Mirror reported. – The Epoch Times – January 27, 2019 – (London) - <https://is.gd/8WclRG>
56. “Employee Attacks Care Home Residents Over 10-Year Period”- Now, a new report has also revealed a further five residents may have fallen victim to the rapist between 2006 and 2016 — although the perpetrator is unlikely to face justice due to a lack of forensic evidence. – News.com – January 29, 2019 – (London) - <https://is.gd/Bkj58F>
57. “Elizabeth Wettlaufer Confessed to Assault on 15th Patient, Police Documents Show” - Convicted former nurse Elizabeth Wettlaufer admitted to injecting a 15th patient with insulin in a long-term care facility, but was not charged for it, newly released police documents show. Wettlaufer was sentenced to life in prison in 2017 for murdering eight seniors in her care. She also admitted to harming six others with insulin injections. – CTV News – January 31, 2019 - (London) - <https://is.gd/Lz9J36>

58. “Three Charged for Trafficking Mentally Disabled Girl, 13” - The uncle of a mentally disabled teenager along with two others are standing trial for human trafficking after they allegedly sold a mildly mentally disabled 13-year-old girl into marriage. – Herald Live – January 31, 2019 – (South Africa)- <https://is.gd/p1C5MI>
59. “Health Board Delayed Acting on Claims Killer Sexually Assaulted Patients” - Kris Wade, who worked as a support worker with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board, was accused of [sexually assaulting three patients](#) with learning disabilities between 2011 and 2013. – Wales Online – January 29, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/S1RMyS> \*Do you want hyperlinks left in?
60. “Man Disabled Partner's Wheelchair and Refused to Give Her Food” - Changes to the law have made psychological abuse within a relationship illegal. The offence of coercive control now recognises that domestic abuse can take several forms and is not strictly limited to physical violence. – Daily Echo – January 25, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/3K39MX>
61. “Government Plans Action on Domestic Abuse” - It included £8m of Home Office funding to support [children](#) affected by domestic abuse, a crisis support system for victims with the no recourse to public funds, and additional funding and support for services for disabled, elderly and LGBT victims. – Public Finance – January 25, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/9V9iC1>
62. “Plea for New Law After ‘Secret Wedding’ Of 91-Year-Old with Dementia” - “My mum had dementia and her GP testified she was not fit for marriage.

Even on a good day, she could barely say her own name and date of birth. – Huffington Post – January 29, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/hlyL1u>

63. “Female Psychologist Had Relationship with Sexually Abused Autistic Patient Who Had a Mental Age of 14 - Then Blamed Him for Grooming HER” - The unsuitable emotions derived from the psychologists' similar appearance to a special needs teacher who had previously sexually abused the autistic teenager. Defending her inappropriate actions, the woman claimed she has a borderline personality disorder and wasn't of 'sound mind' when she embarked upon the relationship. – Daily Mail -January 28, 2019- (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/F6nlkD>

## MISCELLANEOUS

64. “Even with Government Back Open, Contractors with Disabilities Weary” - SourceAmerica said in a news release that they have more than 2,000 people with disabilities on contracts throughout the country. – Disability Scoop – January 29, 2019 – (Georgia)- <https://is.gd/qQaESJ>

65. Emotional New Documentary Looks at Growing up with Asperger’s Syndrome in a Rural Irish Town” - The movie, which premiered at the 2018 New York City Mental Health Film Festival, also pays special attention to his mother’s role in recognizing his difficulties and her unrelenting pursuit to meet them head-on. – Irish Central – January 27, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/2oWmcs>

66. “Deaf Athlete Shares his Story with Students” - The 42-year-old Hamill, a decorated college wrestler and stellar mixed martial arts competitor who was born deaf, spent Thursday and Friday at the school sharing his story.

He became a three-time NCAA Division III national champion and has racked up double-digit wins as a mixed martial arts fighter. – Goskagit – January 26, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/FXVyJe>