

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Sexual Assault: 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 61, 64

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "How People with Mental Illness Become Prisoners in Alabama" - Jessica Purshock became an accused felon inside the place she least expected: a

facility designed to protect her and others from the dark thoughts in her mind. – AL.Com – May 5, 2019 – (Alabama)- <https://is.gd/7Owueh>

2. “California AG Asks Catholic Dioceses To Review Church Abuse Files” - The California Attorney General has issued a letter to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the other Catholic dioceses of California asking to review documents related to how the dioceses have addressed past allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests, religious men and women, and other lay Church employees and volunteers. – Angelus – May 3, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/l6jhhx>
3. “Son Of Former Rolling Hills Mayor Charged With Brutally Beating Autistic Man” - Alexander Bell-Wilson of Rolling Hills and Korey Oscar Benjamin Streeter of Long Beach, both 18, were charged with one count each of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and second-degree robbery, the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office reported Tuesday. – CBS 2 – May 8, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/040b6l>
4. “Man Arrested in 2018 Rape of Disabled Woman” - Shon Chow was taken into custody on a felony \$250,000 warrant on Friday in San Bruno following an investigation of a rape report made Sept. 4, 2018. The victim, who has an intellectual disability and lived independently in an apartment near her family home, told investigators that Chow took advantage of her disability by persuading her to return to her residence, where he assaulted her. – KTVU – May 5, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/hj5IYF>
5. “Caregiver For Disabled Charged With Sex Abuse Of Child, Possession Of Child Porn” - The Sonoma County District Attorney’s office has charged the operator of a Rohnert Park in-home care facility for mentally or physically disabled children and adults with 11 felony counts of forced sexual acts

against a minor and possession of pornography. Keith Marcum, 68, delayed entering a plea Monday in Sonoma County Superior Court. – KPIX 5 – May 6, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/KvdAOX>

6. “Parents of 14 Month Old Who Died in Charlotte County Arrested” - 34-year-old Kenneth Adams and 24-year-old Brittaney Williams were arrested, and each was charged with four counts of Aggravated Abuse and Neglect of a Child with Great Bodily Harm. Three other children were found in the home. Interviews with the children determined all of the children demonstrated cognitive and developmental delays. – Fox 4 Now – May 3, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/JwqOCs>
7. “Florida Sales Manager Accused of Raping Disabled Blind Woman” - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrested 42-year-old Gregory Lee Porras of Deltona on a charge of sexual battery. Investigators said he sexually assaulted a 50-year-old blind woman during a consultation about home-based services last month. Porras worked for BrightStar Home Care Medical Staffing in Lake Mary. – CBS 12 – May 2, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/POI1hc>
8. “Pregnant Mentally Ill Woman Was 'Forced' To Deliver Baby Alone In Jail Cell, Florida Public Defender Says” - [The Miami Herald first reported](#) that Public Defender Howard Finkelstein sent a letter to Broward Sheriff Gregory Tony on Friday alleging that inmate Tammy Jackson was found lying in her cell by herself holding her newborn baby before 10 a.m. on April

10. She had allegedly complained of contractions at 3:16 a.m. earlier that day. – The Hill – May 3, 2019 – Florida - <https://is.gd/r8ROt6>

9. “Houston County Schools Paid Almost a Half-Million Dollars to Settle a Lawsuit. That May Have Been Cheap, Indeed.” - After another student apparently witnessed the aide kicking the student’s wheelchair and berating him, the parents placed a recorder underneath the student’s wheelchair for several days and apparently captured verbal abuse and possible physical abuse. – Dothan Eagle – May 4, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/n94i0i>

10. “Duncan Man Wanted for Raping Learning Disabled Teen” - The Stephens County District Court issued a felony arrest warrant Friday for Rickey Ray O’Neal for a felony count of first-degree rape (by force or fear), court records indicate. He faces between 5 years to life without parole in prison, if convicted. – The Lawton Constitution – May 6, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/0BqQi9>

11. “Families Plan Lawsuit Claiming Abuse at Treatment Center” - News outlets reported Thursday that the families filed notice of a forthcoming lawsuit against the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center in Nampa. They plan to seek class-action status, reports said. "Instead of providing needed support and care intended to allow their return the community, their family and friends, and their homes, they were beaten, neglected, and abused. Some residents died from the abuse and neglect, and then SWITC staff tried to cover it up,"

the legal notice said. – Bradenton Herald – May 3, 2019 – (Idaho) - <https://is.gd/pC8lPJ>

12. “Lawyers: ‘Victim’ Wasn’t Vulnerable” - Worley, 43, was a therapist contracted with Kootenai Health when he allegedly engaged in a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old who was being counseled following a suicide attempt. The consensual relationship lasted more than a year. Worley and the teen engaged in sex “hundreds of times” at Worley’s Ironwood Drive office and other places, including Spokane, according to police reports. - Coeur d’Alene/Post Falls Press – May 4, 2019 – (Idaho)- <https://is.gd/K7q2UY>

13. “10-Year-Old Student With Special Needs Severely Bitten While Riding Home On School Bus” - An elementary school student in Green Bay, Wisconsin, came home with bruises on her arm after being bitten by another student multiple times on the school bus, [according to WBAY](#). Lillian Waldron, 10, goes to Langlade Elementary School. – 6 ABC News – May 9, 2019 – (Kansas) - <https://is.gd/TjmbOf>

14. “Teacher Caught On Video Kicking 5-Year-Old Could Face Criminal Charges” - "Had I not pushed to find information on my own, the safety of all those students could still be at risk," the girl's mother said. – NBC News – May 12, 2019 – (Kansas) - <https://is.gd/Ep7AhF>

15. “Port Vincent Man Admits Sexually Abusing Disabled Girl; Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison” - Craig Joseph Madere pleaded guilty before state District

Judge Beau Higginbotham to sexual battery and attempted molestation of a juvenile. In the East Baton Rouge case, Madere was accused of sexually abusing a mentally disabled girl beginning when she was 9 years old. – The Advocate – May 6, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/jcKGIm>

16. “Records of Suicide Attempts at Juvenile Prison to Be Shared” -

The Portland Press Herald reports that the Maine Department of Corrections agreed to hand over the records to an advocacy group, Disability Rights Maine. A lawsuit alleges the department was improperly withholding records as the group investigates complaints about neglect and suicide attempts. – Maine Public – May 5, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/MRuFPw>

17. “Detroit Mother Says Son with Special Needs Badly Injured by Another

Student in School Bus Attack” - A mother is demanding answers from the Detroit Public Schools Community District after her special needs son was allegedly injured by another student during a field trip. Darnell Smith, 9, has deep cuts and bruises all over his face. – Click On Detroit – May 3, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/WyAl63>

18. “Senior Care Facility Closed by The State Under Investigation Again” -

Chappy’s Golden Shores in Hill City, Minnesota was shut down in December 2018 after the state suspended its license. The original report cited multiple and repeated serious incidents affecting vulnerable adults. In follow-up investigations publicly posted this week, investigators with the Minnesota Department of Health found substantiated instances of [neglect, sexual](#)

[abuse, and financial exploitation](#). – Fox 9 – May 7, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/uhAkky>

19. “More Than 80 Arrested In Multistate Child Sexual Abuse Investigation” - The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) announced Friday in a [press release](#) that 82 people were arrested and 17 children were rescued as authorities targeted the manufacture and distribution of violent child pornography involving infants and toddlers. – The Hill – May 4, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/QEVFwE>

20. “One in 20 Island Children May Have Been Abused, Police Say” - There could be up to 1,000 children in Jersey today who have been sexually abused, it has emerged, as plans to overhaul the support offered to young victims are announced. Ms. Osmand said the current facility was ‘not fit for purpose’. As an example, she said that disabled children were vulnerable to being victims of sexual abuse. The current building is not wheelchair accessible. – Jersey Evening Post – May 3, 2019 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/Ff8VUp>

21. “Southtowns Convictions Shed Light On Elder Abuse in Erie County” - Three sisters were found guilty of assault for abusing their 71-year old father. A judge found 41-year-old Elissa Pietrocarlo, 31-year-old Grace Pietrocarlo, and 23-year-old Annabel Pietrocarlo guilty of assaulting their 71-year old father. Erie County District Attorney John Flynn said the abuse began in 2002 when the Elissa claimed to be communicating with God, calling herself a prophet. – WGRZ – May 3, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/EhDBem>

22. “Deputies: Syracuse Man Sexually Assaulted Disabled Woman Behind Vacant Building” - Rubin Jones III, 32, of Peck Avenue in Syracuse, faces two counts of first-degree criminal sex act, two counts of second-degree criminal sex act and first-degree endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person, deputies said. – Syracuse.com - May 7, 2019 – (New York)- <https://is.gd/HvB3z7>
23. “Parents of Children with Autism Face Group Home Worker Accused of Abuse” - According to police, Richard Garnett forced the victim to run on a treadmill until he fell off, fracturing his neck. The suspect then allegedly tried covering up the injuries. – Long Island – May 8, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/OhgMYc>
24. “State Fining Group Home Where Teen Was Burned” - His mother, Mary Bryson, is suing Living with Autism, which operates the group home on Denlee Road, south of Raleigh, claiming her son suffered the burns there. Because Josh Bryson is largely non-verbal, he can't tell anyone exactly what happened. – WRAL- May 3, 2019 – (North Carolina)- <https://is.gd/jGAlRc>
25. “Man Accused of Attempted Sexual Assault at Nursing Home” – A man from Vinton County faces charges after investigators say he attempted to sexually assault a handicapped person at a nursing home. Eugene D. Simmons, 68, of Hamden, was arrested Thursday after a report of a possible

sexual assault at the Hamden Nursing and Rehab facility. – WSAZ 3 – May 3, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/fHDqbj>

26. “Four Suspects Handcuff Disabled Boy Nightly, Force Him to Sleep On Hard Floor While Urinating & Tossing Lit Cigarettes On Him: Police” - The child’s mother, April Summers, was arrested on Thursday, along with three other adults, including Jeffrey Rasmussen and Amber Barnes. All three are charged with “child abuse and/or failure to protect from child abuse,” according to the outlet. A fourth suspect, George Mount, has been charged with failure to protect the boy from neglect and abuse. – Crime Online – May 3, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/5yZ57m>

27. “Girl Plans to Sue Creswell School District for Alleged Sex Abuse by Staff Member” - The staff member, James Edward Warren, 44, was convicted in an unrelated child-rape case last month. He pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree unlawful sexual penetration and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse in April and was sentenced to spend the next 22½ years in prison. -The Register – Guard – May 6, 2019 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/AAOYlc>

28. “Berks County Special Olympics Soccer Coach Charged with Raping Mentally Disabled Player” -Michael A. Sheldon, 28, of the 600 block of South 19th Street was charged March 19 with rape, involuntary deviate sexual assault and other counts. He is in Berks County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bail. The victim is diagnosed with autism, bipolar depression,

ADHD, and is intellectually disabled. – Reading Eagle – May 5, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/0MXu21>

29. “Police Charge Former Kane McKeesport Nurse with Taking Nude Photos of Elderly Patients” - Ashley Ann Smith, 30, of Dravosburg, was charged Friday with 30 crimes in connection with the photographs; the counts include invasion of privacy and abuse of care. Ms. Smith took the photos while she was working at Kane McKeesport Community Living Center, according to a criminal complaint. She was fired after the images were discovered. – Post Gazette – May 3, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/aYPNCW>

30. “Court Docs: Camp Hill Man Pleads Guilty To Indecent Assault Of A Person With A Mental Disability” - As part of 46-year-old Daniel Parsons’ plea, the following charges were dismissed: rape of a mentally disabled person, sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault without consent, aggravated indecent assault of someone with a mental disability and indecent assault without consent, according to court documents. – Fox 43- May 8, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/bmW5kD>

31. “Clinton Woman Accused of Abuse of Vulnerable Adult” - According to a SLED news release, Ivory Dakota Williams, 28, of Clinton, was charged with abuse of a vulnerable adult. The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs requested that SLED investigate the abuse. – WSPA 7 – May 6, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/cEkfiu>

32. “Adult Daycare Driver Sentenced to 40 Years in Prison for Raping Mentally Disabled Woman” -A former driver for an adult day care was sentenced to 40 years in prison for sexually assaulting and impregnating a deaf and mentally disabled patient. A Tarrant County jury deliberated about two days before finding Edgar Lane Sharp Jr., 34, guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a disabled person on Thursday. On Friday, the jury sentenced Sharp, who had faced up to life behind bars, to 40 years in prison. – Forth Worth Star- Telegram – May 3, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/DN4947>
33. “Police: West Jordan Man Arrested for Sexually Abusing Resident in Group Home” - According to charging documents, 20-year-old Samuel Robert Huntington was charged May 2 with two second-degree felony counts of forcible sexual abuse after a victim came forward and told police he had been touching him inappropriately. – ABC 4 – May 6, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/l0JHba>
34. “Level III Sex Offender Released” - A Level III sex offender, Charley Daniel Parker, has been released after serving time for two rape cases he was convicted in, according to the Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s Office in a press release. In the 2009 case, he was convicted of third-degree rape in Pierce County, for sexually assaulting a 19-year-old mentally impaired female, according to file documents. – The Daily Word – May 3, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/UenP8E>

GUARDIANSHIP

35. Council 'Reneged On Agreement' With Ombudsman By Not Making Changes To Special Guardianship Placement - A council 'reneged on an agreement' with the [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman](#) by failing to implement in full the watchdog's recommended changes in support for two vulnerable siblings in a special guardianship placement. – Community Care – May 8, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/B3uYy2>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

36. "New Service Animal Regulations in Iowa" - Signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds, the law also requires landlords to allow individuals with a disability to have service animals but requires the person to provide proof they are disabled. The law was supported by the groups representing grocers, restaurants, retailers, and landlords but Disability Rights Iowa opposed it, fearing police may be called on individuals with service animals that show no visible disabilities. – WLS AM – May 3, 2019 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/EXEJDE>

37. "Advocates Push Lawmakers to Form Panel to Review Deaths of Disabled Mainers" - A bill debated Friday would create an independent, 14-member panel to review deaths and serious injuries among developmentally challenged individuals. The panel would report all investigation results to the commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and report annually to the Legislature. – Central Maine – May 3, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/XU2Kc2>

38. “State House Committee Plans to Take Action On Elder Abuse Bills” - Some lawmakers in Lansing say they have a plan to protect elderly people in the state. A bipartisan bill package (HB 4254-4260 and HB 4265) is expected to be voted out of a House committee this week. – Michigan Radio – NPR – May 5, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/oc5CYu>

39. “Montana Lags On Special Education” - House Bill 274 would have started the process of extending the productive workforce in Montana. In the 2021 session will the vote be yes for this crucial three years (19-22 years) program? In so doing, Montana will join other states of this United States of America in caring for all citizens. – Billings Gazette – May 5, 2019 – (Montana)- <https://is.gd/IH1wYO>

40. “Texas House Oks Bill to Ban Death Penalty for Those with Severe Mental Illness” - Under the measure, defendants who have active psychotic symptoms of certain mental illnesses at the time of the crime would be ineligible for capital punishment. The bill now heads to the more conservative Senate. – The Texas Tribune – May 8, 2019 – (Texas)- <https://is.gd/8fHwSV>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

41. “Report: York Must Fix Systemic Issues in Special Ed” - But systemic issues run deep and need to be rectified - most importantly an overarching lack of communication not only with parents but between individual schools and

among the general and special education staff. These were the conclusions reached by American Educational Consultants, hired by the York School Department to conduct a thorough review of its special education structure and delivery of services. – Sea Coast Online – May 5, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/pBqNOB>

42. “Patients Of Medicare Providers Committing Fraud, Abuse More Likely To Be Poor, Disabled” - A new study from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health analyzed providers excluded from Medicare for fraud and abuse, and found that the patients they treated prior to being banned were more likely to be minorities, disabled and dually-enrolled in Medicaid to supplement financial assistance for health care. – Eureka Alert – May 7, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/vbWLzn>

43. “Gut Woes Common, But Not Unique, Among Children With Autism” - “The rates of these GI conditions do appear to be much higher, but across all of these developmental disorders, not specifically just autism alone,” says lead investigator [Thomas Challman](#), medical director of the Geisinger Autism and Developmental Medicine Institute in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. – The Spectrum – May 2, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/fkCaoJ>

44. “Depression May Skew Autistic People’s Results From Tests” - Depression may influence how people with autism perform on tests of social function, according to two unpublished studies presented yesterday at the [2019 International Society for Autism Research](#) meeting in Montreal. – Spectrum – May 3, 2019 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/BjL75v>

45. “Special Report: Teens Living in Group Homes, Foster Care at Higher Risk for Sex Trafficking” - In a study, Dr. Obergon found from 2013 through 2016, 85 minors in out of home placement were victims of sex trafficking. And she says the real number is likely higher. “We have a lot of victims that just won’t come forward and say they’re being victimized,” Dr. Obergon said. “Or maybe don’t even realize they are a victim. Some of them will develop a relationship with their pimps that they think is a boyfriend girlfriend relationship.” -WDJT – May 3, 2019 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/dlebRa>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

46. “Disability Advocates and District of Columbia Reach Landmark Settlement to Protect the Lives of People with Disabilities When Disaster Strikes” - The lawsuit alleged a myriad of critical deficiencies which, if left unaddressed, would have resulted in people with disabilities being left behind in large scale disasters. These problems included not putting accessible evacuation options in place and not planning for emergency communications with persons with hearing and vision disabilities. – Insurance News Net – May 8, 2019 – (D.C.) - <https://is.gd/CVJJfz>

47. “Remembering A Painful Past: Advocates and Former Resident Call for Belchertown State School Memorial” - Now, Vitkus’ family is part of a group seeking to establish a permanent memorial to the former residents of Belchertown State School at the school’s old property. – Daily Hampshire Gazette – May 3, 2019 – (Massachusetts)- <https://is.gd/Kpl2ek>

48. “Daines Wants Timeline for Nursing Homes Action, Audits” - Citing concerns for incidents reported at a state-run nursing home in Montana, Sen. Steve Daines on Friday asked the head of a federal agency overseeing these facilities when a review will be completed of nursing home regulations and guidelines. And the Montana Republican asks Seema Verma, administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) if her agency will provide a list of audits and findings and what steps the agency is taking to improve its rating system. – Great Falls Tribune – May 3, 2019 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/QDWyEw>

49. “Obamas Bringing Disability Rights Film to Netflix” - The evolution of the disability rights movement is at the heart of a documentary that former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama are bringing to Netflix. The couple’s production company Higher Ground said this week that it will bring the film “Crip Camp” to the streaming service. – Disability Scoop – May 3, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/V2pSeD>

INTERNATIONAL

50. “Restraints, Drugging, Apathy: The Awful Truth About Dementia Care” - The first hearings began this year in Oakden’s city, Adelaide, with countless brave witnesses coming forward to share their experiences of what it’s like to live within the aged care system or see a loved one deteriorate or die—sometimes peacefully, sometimes painfully—within it. – The Big Smoke – May 3, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/CcoUKJ>

51. “Nearly 2 Out Of 3 Nursing Homes Are Understaffed. These 10 Charts Explain Why Aged Care Is In Crisis” - The [Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety](#) begins hearings on residential aged care facilities, or nursing homes, in Sydney today. – The Conversation – May 5, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/fdTh4u>
52. “Severely Disabled Man 'Deteriorates' In Darwin Prison Despite Never Being Found Guilty” - Ronald was found unfit to plead to charges of aggravated assault and is one of 13 people currently indefinitely detained under custodial supervision orders in the NT. Unable to communicate effectively with anyone outside of his family, Ronald has been left to languish in silence, often inside the prison's high security section, since 2014. – ABC News – May 4, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/km22g2>
53. “Amputee Forced To Crawl During Wedding Anniversary After Airline Confiscates Scooter Batteries” - But during a February 2017 trip to Tulsa, OK, an agent with the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority and a United Airlines official told Hodge to remove the \$2,000 battery from his scooter and fly without it, as well as his spare battery.- WIFR 23- May 4, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/mDn30P>
54. “Surrey Sex Worker, Husband Convicted in Handicapped Man’s Unlawful Confinement” - A Surrey sex worker and her husband have been convicted of unlawful confinement in the case of a handicapped man who wanted a

threesome with the woman and another sex worker. Prosecutors argued Jeremy Sean Eddy and Jacqueline Lee Peintinger planned to take advantage of a vulnerable person, called A.B. in court documents, but BC Supreme Court Justice Frits Verhoeven disagreed. – Vancouver Courier – May 6, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/w9hWnb>

55. “11 Girls Murdered In Bihar Shelter Home Allegedly By Caretaker Previously Accused Of Rape, Sexual Assault” - In a twist in Bihar's Muzaffarpur shelter home case, the CBI informed the Supreme Court May 3 it is probing accused Brajesh Thakur in the murder of eleven girls, after recovered a bundle of bones from an alleged burial ground. Thakur is already an accused in rape and sexual abuse of children in his shelter home in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar. The CBI has been facing severe criticism for the delay in charging the accused persons with murder. – India West – May 3, 2019 – (India) - <https://is.gd/8W3OoZ>

56. “Care Worker Spared Jail for Pushing 92-Year-Old Dementia Patient” - Edyta Kropidlowska had said she had used force but only to stop the woman from falling forward. Her solicitor told the court that CCTV footage of the incident “does not look fantastic”. – Irish Examiner – May 3, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/t7kvpT>

57. “Disabled and Disrespected” - The study also found numerous accounts of financial challenges, discrimination, abuse, and uncertainty of the future for children — especially for those with severe disabilities. The situation analysis was done by a team led by Dr. Shakeisha Wilson-Scott, with

funding and support from the United Nations Children's Fund, the Digicel Foundation, and Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities. – Jamaica Observer – May 5, 2019 – (Jamaica) - <https://is.gd/TBmzuz>

58. “Humanitarian Coordinator For Mozambique Marcoluigi Corsi - Statement On The Prevention Of Sexual Exploitation And Abuse” – As we respond to the urgent needs generated by Cyclone Idai and Cyclone Kenneth, I would like to reiterate, on behalf of the entire Humanitarian Country Team in Mozambique, our Zero Tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse. - Relief Web – May 3, 2019 – (Mozambique) - <https://is.gd/MZADyt>

59. “Intellectually Disabled Man Has Spent 15 Years in A Locked Mental Health Unit, In Breach of His Rights” - For 15 years, an intellectually disabled man's rights have been breached due to his 'inappropriate' placement in a locked, forensic mental health unit. At one stage, he spent between 15 and 16 hours a day locked in a room. Oliver Lewis reports. – Stuff – May 4, 2019 – (New Zealand)- <https://is.gd/bL4Fpm>

60. “Man Admits Walking into Wheelchair-Bound Woman’s Home and Chopping Off Her Hand” - Stephen Brisbane, 34, pleaded guilty at Glasgow High Court to severing Sandra McGowan's right hand on Valentine's Day 2018 and taking it away with him. Brisbane is accused of entering the pensioner's property uninvited using an electronic key fob. He is then accused of seizing the 62-year-old's wrist, severing her hand and causing her to lose consciousness. – Finance Yahoo – May 3, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/uqbwry>

61. “Abuse 'Impossible' Due to Disability, Grove Man Mark Fysh Accused of Sex Offences Claims” - Prosecutors at Oxford Crown Court claim that Mark Fysh, who has cerebral palsy, sexually touched his victim over her clothing and forced her to rub his genitals on multiple occasions. As his trial continued yesterday the 60-year old of Whitecross, Wootton, near Abingdon, told jurors that none of the alleged incidents of abuse ever took place and said his physical ailments would have made any 'spontaneous' sexual acts impossible. – Oxford Mail – May 3, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/a5UZBe>
62. “Human Rights Failings Over Mental Health Seclusion Room”- The mental health commission inspected four facilities around the country and found that three did not meet cleanliness and maintenance standards. – The Sunday Times – May 3, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/qiBZPo>
63. “Think Torture Only Happens Overseas? Just Look at The Degrading Treatment of Disabled People in Britain” - And we’re not. Paragons, that is. The UK will, over the next couple of days, face scrutiny over its [record on torture and ill treatment at home and abroad](#) before a UN panel in Geneva. A coalition of 80 civil society groups and experts have submitted evidence highlighting failures in both theatres, which has been compiled in a report by REDRESS, an organisation that seeks justice for torture victims. – Independent – May 8, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/tb2i1Q>

64. “33-Year-Old Pervert Who Kept Anorexic and Autistic 16-Year-Old as His Sex Slave” - Michael Wysolowski, 33, pleaded guilty to first-degree cruelty to children and interstate interference with custody last month. He was handed a 10-year sentence, with eight months to be served in jail - which he had already completed - and the rest to be spent on probation. – Daily Mail – May 13, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/SqDJz0>

65. “'Deplorable' Nurse Slapped Wheelchair-Bound Resident at East Sussex Care Home” - Paul Teglas struck the vulnerable man while he was employed as an agency worker at Lauriston Care Home in St Leonards. Teglas – who was had already been reprimanded for [turning up drunk for work at another nursing home](#) – was found guilty of misconduct at a fitness to practise hearing last week. – Eastbourne Herald – May 8, 2019 – (United Kingdom)- <https://is.gd/ybOJHf>