

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Type:

Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 22, 23, 24, 34, 35, 50

Physical Abuse: 2, 5, 6, 7(shooting), 9, 15, 19, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33

Emotional/Verbal Abuse: 17, 19

Enclosed/Restraint: 11, 16, 33, 39, 41, 49

Financial Abuse: 2, 15

Murder: 1, 4, 8, 27, 50

Neglected: 9, 18, 27, 30, 51

Related to special education: 17, 19, 39

WINNER of most egregious award: 1: Murder for hire of 18-year-old woman: group of six colluded in her murder. Financial award offered for her rape and murder. Two of the perpetrators were minors; 3: Update on Hacienda in AZ: May close due to ongoing health violations; 12: Chlorine bleach given by a mother to her son to treat/cure autism.

WINNER of “good job” award: None this week.

WHO DUN IT (listed by article number):

Family: 12, 19, 27, 32, 33

Babysitter: 5

Best friend: 1

Stranger: 23, 34

Special education employee: 17, 19, 39

Foster home: 33

Group home staff: 18, 24

Assisted Living Facility: 2, 6, 9, 15, 26, 28

Juvenile Home: 11, 16, 51

City Lift Driver: 9

Special Education Bus Driver: 19

Law Enforcement Officer: 4, 7, 49 + Fake Officer: 35

Pastor: 35

Men: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 32, 34, 35

Women: 5, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 27, 28

Couple: 33

Good News: 21: Judge orders NYPD to hand over all bodycam video of fatal shooting of man with mental illness; 45 & 46: Special Needs Registry helps locate people with disabilities after an emergency; 53: Asperger's comic: Life of a woman with Asperger's makes an impact! 54: Drag Kings and Queens with Down Syndrome in first of its kind show in London.

Bad News: 7: Florida police officer shoots man with autism and caregiver, jury found him guilty BUT acquitted of felony. May continues to work in law enforcement; 20: MS & MI policies are working but DOJ is challenging them....WHY?; 29: Nurse steals medications for self-administration, refills vials; 30: School punishes boy with autism for wandering (!!); 41: Restraint and Seclusion mostly effects students with disabilities; 42: during disasters people with disabilities moved to long term care facilities with unintended consequences; 52: Family including boy with autism asked to leave church services due to his making noise.

ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Alaskan Teen Killed by 'Best Friend,' 4 Teens Looking for \$9 Million Payday"- Authorities have yet to say why the group chose Hoffman, whose family [told the Anchorage Daily News](#) she was developmentally disabled, intellectually operating at the level of a seventh grader. – Daily News – June 18, 2019 – (Alaska) - <https://is.gd/WGTkIT>
2. "Nogales Owner of Home for Elderly Indicted on 4 Counts of Vulnerable Adult Abuse" - Raul Lopez, owner of La Paloma Home for the Aging, was indicted in a 2018 case investigated by Adult Protective Services and special agents with the attorney general's

office health care fraud and abuse section, according to a news release. – Tuscon.com – June 18, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/GgvuZo>

3. “The Healthcare Facility Where a Severely Disabled Woman Gave Birth May Close after Maggots were Found on Another Resident”- Hacienda HealthCare spokesman David Leibowitz told [AZ Central](#) that staff discovered a "small number of maggots" under a patient's bandage for a surgical incision. Leibowitz would not confirm those comments to CNN and the ADHS would not specify the nature of the "extremely disturbing incident" referenced in their notice. The notice does not mean that Hacienda will immediately close and does not impact any other Hacienda facilities, according to a statement from ADHS. – CBS 58 – June 18, 2019 – (Arizona)- <https://is.gd/dFczUq>
4. “Off-Duty Cop Kills Unarmed Mentally Disabled Man in Costco, Claims Self-Defense” - The cop claimed he was attacked. Witnesses only report an argument before shots were fired. An off-duty Los Angeles police officer shot and killed a mentally disabled man he claims attacked him inside a Southern California Costco Friday. The cop whose name has not been released also shot the man's parents who are now in critical condition at a local hospital. The cop was said to have been holding a child when he pulled out his gun and fired. – News Maven – June 16, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/OB0ugn>
5. “Babysitter Filmed Attacking Vulnerable Disabled Girl, 9, Who Can’t Speak” - The woman, named as Yolanda Keith, 54, was seen roughhousing nine year-old Mercedes Holmes at a playground in Lancaster, California, last Friday, and also shoved the youngster forward. – Metro – June 20, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/On7pcE>
6. “Aurora Nursing Home Sued Again After Resident Beats Wheelchair-Bound 92-Year-Old Woman” - The latest lawsuit accuses Anne B. of pummeling Pallman, a 92-year-old, wheelchair-bound woman who also suffers from dementia. On May 29, Anne B. hit Pallman in the face as she sat in a wheelchair in a hallway, the lawsuit said. Pallman now suffers from anxiety, and recurring headaches that she didn’t have before the assault, the lawsuit said. – The Denver Post – June 19, 2019 – (Colorado) - <https://is.gd/R2t5CQ>
7. “Florida Cop Found Guilty of Negligence after Shooting Autistic Man, Caretaker” - A jury deliberated for four hours late Monday before finding North Miami police Officer Jonathan Aledda guilty of culpable negligence in the 2016 shooting of caretaker Charles

Kinsey, who was trying to protect 27-year-old Arnaldo Rios Soto. Aledda faces up to a year in jail but because he was acquitted of a felony, he might be able to remain a police officer. – New York Post – June 18, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/uCU0qD>

8. “Man Posing as Cop Shoots and Kills Black Disabled Mother of Five at a Walgreens” - Sircie Varnado, a 46-year-old mother of five, was reportedly shot and killed last Wednesday (June 12), at a Chicago-area Walgreens by a man described as an “unofficial security guard.” Police say the man has no connection to law enforcement, while Walgreens says they do not have a security guard at that location. No charges have been filed in the case as of today (June 20). – BET.com – June 20, 2019 – (Illinois)- <https://is.gd/TeXel9>
9. “Citylift Driver Arrested for Allegedly Endangering Autistic Boy” - The driver of a CityLift bus that apparently left an autistic teen in Morton earlier this week has been arrested for alleged child endangerment. And the grandmother of 13-year-old Marcus Mize wants answers. She wants to know why her grandson was found walking a few miles outside of Morton on a rural road when he was supposed to be dropped off at her East Bluff home. – Journal Star – June 20, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gAd/v7oqc2>
10. “Woman Accused of Abuse at Columbia Healthcare Center in Evansville” - Katelyn Johnson, 26, was arrested on charges of battery against an endangered adult, battery against a disabled person and criminal confinement. According to an affidavit, a surveillance video from April shows Johnson and other Columbia Healthcare Center employees taunting and abusing a resident with dementia. Evansville Police Department Sgt. Jason Cullum said a second employee named in the affidavit, Bryan Whitmore, is being sought on similar charges. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. – Courier & Press – June 17, 2019 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/1CIF8M>
11. “Iowa Human Services Director Jerry Foxhoven Resigns” - The Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo, which housed troubled girls, closed after questions were raised about their treatment and a federal lawsuit underway now is delving into use of isolation rooms and restraints at the Iowa Training School for Boys. – KWWL – June 17, 2019 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/QcLL6U>

12. “Fake Science Led a Mom to Feed Bleach to Her Autistic Sons — and Police Did Nothing to Stop Her” - Austin, 51, is a photographer in Lenexa, Kansas, and a mother of six, four of whom are adults with autism. For the last year, according to her social media posts and documents from a police investigation, Laurel Austin has been giving two of her adult sons, Jeremy and Joshua, chlorine dioxide. – NBC Palm Springs – June 14, 2019 – (Kansas) - <https://is.gd/P59sl2>

13. “Disability Rights Advocates: Staffing Crisis Will Worsen Despite Rate Increase in State Budget” - The Illinois budget that goes into effect July 1st includes a 3.5% rate increase for state-funded agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. But after more than a decade with no significant rate increases, some who work in the disabilities services sector say the new funding is not enough to ensure people with disabilities get the care they need. – NPR – June 17, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/mK4OAT>

14. “Woman Arrested for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly” - Police arrested Jenny L. Paul on Friday, June 14 at her home on Old State Road in Mattoon. She’s accused of taking almost \$13,000 from an 89-year-old person. – Fox Illinois – June 17, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/cMewjO>

15. “Abuse Reported at Brentwood Nursing Home” - Inspectors said the nursing home failed to protect residents and did not always report and investigate the incidents as required. The state ordered Brentwood to file a plan to correct the problems. – The Salem News – June 16, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/OGRuAd>

16. “State Pays \$500,000 to Settle Lawsuit Alleging Abuse at Juvenile Facility” - Matthew Keene filed suit in 2017 against 30 defendants, including the Department of Corrections and more than a dozen individuals, alleging that he was subjected to long, unwarranted periods of isolation and that restraints were used on him without proper cause, inflicting lasting mental damage. – The Times Record – June 17, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/9Tebv>

17. “Autistic boy given “Most Likely To Get Lost” award” - Desiree Perez said teachers at Normandin Middle School gave her son a certificate on the last day of school that reads, “Most Likely to Get Lost in a Crowd.” The paper appears to have been signed by a group of teachers, including her son’s. In a written statement, the New Bedford School

District said it's aware of the situation, and that a "full investigation" is underway. – KOAA 5 – June 18, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/UG4zBJ>

18. "Data Reveals Bed Bugs, Raw Sewage, Abuse at Area Adult Care Homes" - Among the care home violations uncovered were persistent bed bug infestations at Crystal View AFC in Frankfort, a "ponding" of raw sewage outside King Adult Living Center in Traverse City, and using a backyard "smoke shed" to house mentally ill adult residents when the licensee of Piper's Place in Traverse City, was away from the facility to run errands or attend church. – Traverse City Record Eagle- June 16, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/G2eZoE>
19. "Trial Set for Ex-Driver Accused of Abusing Disabled Girl" - The Sun Herald reports Antoinette Jane Raymond is set to go to court in November. The former St. Martin Middle School bus driver opted for a trial after a judge saw video of the assault and subsequently rejected her sentencing deal. Video shows Raymond threatening to kill the 14-year-old girl if she doesn't get quiet and stay still. The video later shows Raymond sit on the girl. – Seattle Times – June 17, 2019 – (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/YiUxTr>
20. "Mississippi's Mental-Illness Policies Are Working. DOJ is Challenging Them." - Despite having the highest poverty rate in the United States, Mississippi has the nation's [lowest rate](#) of homelessness. But instead of heralding Mississippi's success and imploring other states to follow its lead, the Department of Justice is taking formal legal action against the state's highly effective method of delivering mental-health services. – National Review – June 17, 2019 – (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/uDfavE>
21. "Judge Sides with Civil Rights Group, Orders NYPD to Hand Over all Body Cam Video of Fatal Shooting of Mentally Ill Man" - A judge has ordered the NYPD to hand over all of its body camera footage pertaining to the fatal police shooting of a mentally ill man in the Bronx nearly two years ago, the Daily News has learned.- NY Daily News – June 16, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/VK8rIV>
22. "Wooster Man Pleads Guilty to Sexually Assaulting Mentally Disabled Girl" - Nathan Hoyle, 28, of the 2500 block of Montclair Avenue, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual battery, a third-degree felony, and one count of gross sexual imposition, a fourth-degree felony, his attorney John Johnson Jr. said Wednesday. In exchange for Hoyle's

guilty pleas, prosecutors dropped the most serious charge against him, one count of rape, a first-degree felony. -Akron Beacon Journal – June 20, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/8X4pbc>

23. “Akron Man Found Guilty of Raping Woman With Disabilities” - Jesse Williams, 34, of Akron, was convicted of rape, burglary, tampering with evidence and attempted burglary. Police said Williams broke into an apartment on Dec. 3 and demanded money from the 62-year-old victim, who is disabled. – Fox 8 Cleveland – June 21, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/oLyFgb>

24. “Adult Foster Home Provider Hit with Another Neglect Finding” - An investigation found Ken Biamont, the registered agent for KC Care, failed to report sexual abuse of a resident by a staff member. The finding stems from previous state investigations that determined a woman who worked for KC Care had a sexual relationship with a man living in adult foster homes. – The Astorian – June 18, 2019 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/ZjsQck>

25. “Man Formerly on Death Row Agrees to Life Sentence for Salem Prison Murder” -Isacc Agee, 41, agreed to waive his right to a jury sentencing Monday. His sentencing trial scheduled for September was canceled, and a sentencing date was set for January 2020. The Oregon Supreme Court affirmed Agee's conviction but overturned his death sentence in 2015 and ordered a new hearing to determine whether he is intellectually disabled. – The Statesman Journal – June 17, 2019 – (Oregon)- <https://is.gd/ZEr0jZ>

26. “Arrest Warrants Issued after a Nursing Home Patient is Hurt During Fight” - Police in McCandless have arrest warrants for two employees of a nursing home on Babcock Boulevard after a 75-year-old patient was shoved to the floor during an argument. Police said a laundry attendant is charged with assault for allegedly pushing the patient to the floor, and a nurse's aide is charged with neglect after she allegedly left the patient alone for hours and waited to report the incident. – WPXI- June 18, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/1Hyyd7>

27. “Elderly Jewish Woman’s Death Shines Light on Elder Abuse, Neglect” - Ellyn Beth Gottlieb, 58, has been charged with neglect of a care-dependent person, aggravated assault, involuntary manslaughter, theft by unlawful taking and theft by deception in

the death of her 83-year-old mother, Patricia Gottlieb, who died last year. Prosecutors allege Ellyn Gottlieb stole money from her mother and failed to provide her with care. – Jewish Exponent – June 19, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/CDHfWZ>

28. “Upstate Assisted Living Facility Employees Accused of Abusing Vulnerable Adult” - According to a Greenville County Sheriff’s Office news release, investigators charged Diana Rochelle Garrett, 37, and Stephanie Ann Lowden, 50, for their connection with the abuse of a vulnerable adult at Rolling Green Village Memory Care Assisted Living on Hoke Smith Boulevard. – WSPA 7- June 17, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/NFnFvE>

29. “Texas Nurse Accused of Stealing Vials of Drug, Injecting Himself Then Refilling, Returning” - he nurse has been identified as Kyle Evans, 29. According to the arrest report, Evans admitted to the hospital's ethics and compliance officer to stealing five vials of the hydromorphone. – KMPH Fox 26 – June 14, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/8bnJr7>

30. “Mom: Autistic Boy’s Wandering Met with Punishment from School Despite Federal Law” - The incident started after an 8th grade middle schooler named Michael wandered unnoticed from a school in Elwood in Suffolk County. The 14-year-old student, who has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, was missing for an hour. Instead of disciplining staff, school officials disciplined the boy by suspending him for five days – excluding him from graduation rehearsal, signing yearbooks with classmates and a school picnic. – CBS New York – June 17, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/gohaop>

31. “Raleigh Woman Accused of Abusing, Exploiting from Elderly Woman” - Michelle Bridges, 51, of 1108 Leach St. in Raleigh, was arrested on June 20 by deputies with the Wake County Sheriff’s Office and charged with abuse, neglect, and exploitation of a disabled or elder adult and exploitation of an older adult or disabled adult. – WRAL- June 21, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/p7hteC>

32. “Wichita Falls Man Pleads Guilty to Reduced Charge in Assault of Paralyzed Woman” - A Wichita Falls man accused of throwing his paralyzed girlfriend to the floor, grabbing her by the hair and slapping her has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. Eduardo Lara, 22, also

entered a guilty plea to drug possession as part of an agreement in which prosecutors dismissed a charge of failure to register as a convicted sex offender. – Times Record News – June 17, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/dBVG3G>

33. “Hancock Couple Accused of Abusing Adult Handicapped Foster Children” - Jason Haase, 46, and Tina Haase, 50, who live on Cool Branch Road in the Treadway community, were indicted by a Hancock County grand jury on Monday for 27 counts apiece of false imprisonment and abuse of a vulnerable adult. The different charges stem from the same alleged criminal conduct – using cables to tie the young men to their beds where they sustained injuries, District Attorney General Dan Armstrong said this morning. – Citizen Tribune – June 21, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/IFKokl>

34. “Suspect on the run after attacking, choking woman in wheelchair, police say” - A man who sexually assaulted a woman in a wheelchair last year is now accused of attacking her again on Sunday - and authorities are asking for the public's help in finding him. The suspect, identified as Francisco Carranza-Ramirez, 35, of White Center, was just released from jail on Thursday on a rape charge from the 2018 assault, according to the King County Sheriff's Office. – KEPR TV – June 18, 2019 – (Washington)- <https://is.gd/01qSs1>

35. “Church Pastor Charged for Sexually Abusing Mentally Handicapped Man” - Anderson H. Martin II was indicted on sexual assault and sexual abuse charges by a Mercer County Grand Jury last week. Court documents state Martin called the victim’s family and asked if he could “take out” the victim. The family told officers when their son returned home, he was wearing different clothes. The victim told officers Martin took him to his home, undressed and showered him. While in the shower, the victim said Martin asked for inappropriate favors. – WVNS TV – June 18, 2019 – (West Virginia) - <https://is.gd/vdXtOV>

GUARDIANSHIP

36. “Evidentiary Hearing to Be Held for Woman Fighting to Get Parents Back from Guardianship Company” - A local woman’s battle to get her parents back from a guardianship company that placed them behind a locked fence continued in Macomb County court Monday. The 7 Investigators have been following Marcie Mitchell’s case for weeks, and thanks to our reporting, so is the Attorney General. – WXYZ – June 18, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/HPqqSp>

37. “Family Court System 'Not Fit for Purpose' and Needs Urgent Change, Panel Tells Justice Minister” - The panel also recommends reversing the main reforms introduced in 2014 including allowing a party to apply to the Family Court for a parenting or guardianship order without prior attendance at a "parenting-through-separation" course. – New Zealand Herald – June 16, 2019 – (New Zealand) - <https://is.gd/1BRYwa>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

38. “NA Subcommittee Approves Drafts of Zainab Alert, Disability Rights Bills” -A parliamentary body has approved the initial draft of the [Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Bill 2019](https://is.gd/69Eu5f), with recommendations for rigorous imprisonment until death for the sexual assault and murder of children. – Dawn- June 26, 2019 – (Islamabad) - <https://is.gd/69Eu5f>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

39. “MCPS Student Seclusion Incidents Among the Highest in the Nation, Federal Watchdog Finds” - Among the nation’s 30 largest school districts, Montgomery County schools report the second-highest number of incidents where students are placed in isolation rooms for behavior problems, according to a new report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. – Bethesda Magazine – June 19, 2019 – (Maryland)- <https://is.gd/jcC4Se>
40. “Report: Several Minnesota Nursing Homes Perform Poorly, Need More Scrutiny” - The [report](https://is.gd/cAZ9cL) released Monday identified eight Minnesota nursing homes still in operation, whose poor performance warrants more supervision from regulators. The report said those nursing homes have not received the attention they deserve. That's because the federal government does not have the money to add the homes to a program that provides increased oversight of poor-performing homes and publicly identifies them. – MPR – June 17, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/cAZ9cL>
41. “How Some Schools Restrain or Seclude Students: A Look at a Controversial Practice” - Though there are guidelines around restraint and seclusion in schools, there are no federal laws governing how they can be used. And they're most often used on students

with disabilities or special needs, and boys, [according to](#) the U.S. Government Accountability Office. – NPR – June 15, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/vVv4JE>

42. “People with Disabilities Often Face ‘Institutionalization’ During Disasters” - Yet, people with disabilities often get cut off from their support systems and the general population and end up being evacuated to long-term care medical facilities and there is often no way to track where they were taken. “It happens very frequently,” said Marcie Roth, CEO of the Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies, and the principal investigator of a recent report published by the National Council on Disability. – Government Technology – May 31, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/NKKiTS>

43. “Report: Hospital Calls about ‘Unwanted’ People Trespassing Leads to Jail, Criminalizing Mental Illness” - So the officer took the elderly woman to jail, booking her on a trespass allegation. She was among more than 100 people arrested for trespassing at five Portland hospitals and the metro area’s psychiatric emergency department from the summer of 2017 through the summer of 2018, according to [a report released Tuesday](#). – The Oregonian- June 18, 2019 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/X9NFse>

44. “Hilton Head Nursing Home on Federal List of Centers with ‘Serious Quality Issues’” - the list was compiled by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for [its special focus facility initiative](#), a program to make nursing home care better in under-performing facilities. Facilities are surveyed on a yearly basis, [according to the letter signed by Alec Aramanda](#), director of legislation for CMS. – The Island Packet – June 18, 2019 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/KCXqZl>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

45. “Special Needs Registry, Emergency Locating System Ensure Residents’ Safety” - The registry was launched in 2014 and is a free safety tool for residents maintained by the City of Santa Clarita, the Community and Law Enforcement Aware Response (CLEAR) initiative and the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station. It is a database where caretakers and loved ones can submit information on community members who have autism, Alzheimer’s, Down syndrome, epilepsy or bipolar disorder. – The Signal – June 16, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/fwXaMk>

46. “CPD Creates Special Needs 911 Registry Program” - In an effort to improve service to Calhoun and Gordon County residences that have family members with mental or physical impairments such as Autism, Alzheimer’s Disease, Down Syndrome and other special conditions, the Calhoun Police Department has initiated the Special Needs 911 Registry Program. – Marietta Daily Journal – June 15, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/42OE4n>
47. “Ravenna Couple Hopes to Establish a Farm for Autistic Adults” - The Halaszis hope to establish a farm in Portage County that will eventually house about 20 autistic adults, plus include a day program and home health care services. They hope to find a large piece of land in a rural area of the county so they can establish a “farm model,” which has been shown to help people on the autism spectrum develop workplace skills. – Record-Courier – June 15, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/78EBqQ>
48. “A New Center for Fun and Education for Kids with Special Needs on Coast Live” - The Hitching Post is a local non-profit started by a former teacher designed to help kids with autism and other special needs. – WTKR- 3- June 17, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/OMe7Tt>

INTERNATIONAL

49. “Boy Kept 'Completely Naked' in Brisbane Watch House for Days” - An Indigenous boy with an intellectual impairment was kept "completely naked" for days inside Brisbane's adult maximum-security police watch house after being deemed a suicide risk. – ABC News – June 17, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/ViLNSs>
50. “Prosecution Calls for 29 Years to Life for Murder of Disabled Liege Teen” - Public Prosecutor Pascale Schils called for life imprisonment for Alexandre Hart and Belinda Donnay, and a prison term of 30 years – the legal maximum – for Killian Wilmet, who was a minor at the time. For Loïck Masson, the only one not indicted for rape, the prosecution asked the jury not to go below 30 years in prison, while it asked for 29 years in prison for Dorian Daniels, due to the remorse he expressed at the trial. – The Brussels Times – June 17, 2019 – (Brussels) - <https://is.gd/VXs8Ku>

51. “NHS care providers left autistic children at risk of self-harm” - Potentially suicidal autistic children with mental health problems in Staffordshire have been left at risk of self-harm after receiving inadequate and unsafe care, according to a damning leaked internal [NHS](#) report. – The Guardian – June 16, 2019 – (England)- <https://is.gd/lzdh7J>

MISCELLANEOUS

52. “Churches Need to Stop Asking Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families to Leave” - On Father’s Day, Paul Rimmer visited the chapel at King’s College in Cambridge, England, with his family. However, an usher soon approached Rimmer and asked him to remove his son, Tristan, who is 9 years old, nonverbal and on the [autism spectrum](#). Apparently, the boy’s excited vocalizations were too “disruptive.” – The Mighty – June 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/c1nVdt>
53. “French Creators of Asperger's Comic Lauded in Japan Speak at Prize Winners' Show” - The Japanese translation of the graphic novel "The Invisible Difference," known in its native France as "La Difference Invisible," which depicts in vibrant color the daily life of a young woman with Asperger's syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder, has left a social impact in Japan. – Mainichi – June 16, 2019 – (Japan) - <https://is.gd/VBiQHc>
54. “Meet the Drag Queens and Kings With Down Syndrome” -Drag Syndrome, a London-based drag troupe for people with Down syndrome, is the first of its kind, according to its creator director - CNN – May 31, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/Yzzj3m>