

SCENARIO/Alleged Perpetrator

Michelle, ACV, 15 years old Thomas O'Hare, AP, step-father

Michelle, a 15 year-old girl, confided in her girlfriend that her step-father had been "messaging with her." Michelle's girlfriend told her mother and her mother called in the report.

During the interview with Michelle, she was reluctant to discuss the details of the sexual abuse. She seemed afraid of her step-father and embarrassed by the questions. Even given this fear and embarrassment, Michelle stated repeatedly that her step-father was getting it on with her and that she wasn't afraid of getting pregnant because her step-father had "fixed" it so she wouldn't. When pressed, Michelle lifted and revealed her arm and indicated that she had a contraceptive implanted in her arm.

Michelle indicated that the abuse happened all the time and that her mother was often asleep when her step-father would bother her. She also told you that her step-father had threatened Michelle to never discuss the abuse or he would hurt her. Michelle indicated that she is also worried about her twelve-year old sister, Denise. She thinks her step-father may be messing with her as well.

You also interviewed Michelle's mother, Mrs. O'Hare, who appeared reluctant to talk with you. When you informed her that Michelle had alleged sexual abuse, she sobbed. She seemed to believe Michelle's allegation but also wondered aloud what would happen when Thomas was told about the allegation. She said he would be furious. After a lengthy interview with Mrs. O'Hare, you have determined that Mrs. O'Hare does go to bed early and that the alleged abuse could be taking place when she is sleeping. Mrs. O'Hare does not work, and, according to Michelle, drinks a lot. Mrs. O'Hare said she was unaware of Michelle's contraceptive implant and didn't know how or when she had undergone surgery.

Michelle's sister, Denise, refused to say a word during your interview with her. She also seemed afraid.

Thomas O'Hare is a manager with a medical manufacturing company. You call him at work and ask that he meet with you immediately, at your office, to discuss an urgent matter. He is pleasant and cooperative and agrees to come for the interview.