

MARY'S STORY: PART II

Initially, Mary Raymond had been placed with foster parents, the Flitt's, who had extensive experience with sexually abused children. The Flitt's had grown children and teenage grandchildren. The caseworker had done extensive work and had located Mary's father, Albert McCool, who lived in a nearby county, had married, and, because he and his wife had one toddler and a baby on the way, was not interested in taking Mary on a full time basis. He did, however, express an interest in rekindling his relationship with Mary through visitation. The caseworker had also located Mary's grandmother, Lillian Raymond, who lived in the same town as her daughter, Grace Raymond. After negotiations with Grace and a home study, Lillian Raymond was approved as a kinship home and Mary moved in with her grandmother.

Mary had had a medical examination and it was determined that she had contracted syphilis. Her grades had dropped in school and she was becoming defiant with her teachers and combative with her fellow students. At home, she was withdrawn and refused to do anything but watch TV and play video game.

Grace Raymond had quit her job and was reported to be spending most of her time sitting in her apartment and crying. She quit going to church and had stopped going to volunteer at the local food bank. She continued to live with Willis DeShaun.

Willis DeShaun was out on bail as there were criminal charges filed against him for sexually abusing Mary. The trial was schedule to begin in 3 weeks and Mary would need to testify at the trial.