

Mr Leon – Extracts from Social Enquiry Report

Mr Leon was convicted of 4 charges of Lewd, Indecent and Libidinous Practices and Behaviour Contrary to Civic Government Act 1982. The victims were his nieces aged 6 and 9 years and two of their friends aged 7 and 10 years. The Indictment states that he induced the children to remove their clothing and expose themselves. Exposed his private member to them and induced them to take photographs etc.

Scottish Criminal Record Office information indicates a previous conviction for Lewd and Libidinous behaviour when Mr Leon was 16 yrs. He claims to have no memory of the offence and it has not been possible to obtain any information about the offence from records.

Mr Leon is 39 years old. He is employed as a computer programmer with a national insurance company and earns £35000 per annum.

Mr Leon returned to live with his parents 2 years ago following the breakdown of his marriage. He is now divorced having been married for 6 years. He says the reason for the marriage ending was his wife's infidelity. There were no children of the marriage.

The offences occurred at his parent's home when Mr Leon was looking after the children while his sister [the children's mother] and parents were shopping. The offences came to light when the 10 year old friend told her mother about the photographs. The evidence presented in Court indicated that the abuse of his nieces may have continued over a period of 12 months.

Mr Leon refused to discuss the offences. He did state that the children were extremely provocative and highly sexual in their behaviour toward him and that it was "just a bit of harmless fun." Mr Leon says that he will not co-operate with social work and would not consider any type of treatment programme.

In view of the serious nature of the offences, together with Mr Leon's failure to understand the harm done it is not possible to offer any social work intervention as an alternative to custody. Mr Leon is assessed as a medium risk of re-offending and a high risk of harm by the social worker from the Sex Offender Groupwork Programme. Should the Court impose a custodial sentence in this case it may wish to consider imposing an extended sentence in this case to ensure that Mr Leons' risk of re-offending is managed on his release.