

CASE STUDY

SEXUAL PREDATORS ARE ALWAYS LURKING

AT A GLANCE ...

Pursuing a prosecution as a result of trained healthcare workers to ensure the safety of victims.



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AN 11-YEAR OLD

An 11-year old was brought to the emergency room for STI testing by a family member. Emergency room staff, trained in the CSEC Screening protocol, were immediately on alert and a Forensic Nurse was called to screen for trafficking. Through the appropriate screening questions which work to build trust and rapport, it was discovered that the child had been raped by a family friend in his 50s, a twice-convicted child rapist and jailed abuser. He had also abused her 14-year old sister by creating sexual abuse materials of her in exchange

for money. The patient agreed to a medical exam, which unveiled a healed genital injury indicative of sexual assault (however, the child was otherwise outside the time to collect any other forensic evidence). Between the screening, the healed injury, and the child's disclosure, the prosecutor felt there was enough evidence to pursue charges against this offender, finally providing an opportunity for him to be taken out of circulation and saving more children from further abuse or exploitation.

A key ingredient in the human trafficking methodology taught is productive coordination with outside agencies, as appropriate, to ensure the care and protection of victims.



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