

## **Sex Fiend of Victim?**

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On 19 October 2013 I heard reports on BBC radio 4 of a 12 year old boy who had undertaken a spree of sexual assaults on women in the vicinity of Manchester university. On 21 October this was reported in The Guardian, by which time the boy had been apprehended. It turned out that he was 14, not 12. The boy has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting five women. The report read, "The Guardian understands he admits touching the women's bottoms outside of their clothing and in one instance, putting his hand up a woman's top. He also admits making sexually explicit remarks to his victims".

The BBC reported as follows, "The boy has been remanded in custody and will be sentenced at Manchester City Magistrates' Court on 2 December. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said three assaults took place on 21 September, the first near John Ryland's University Library at 17:10 BST. A further sex attack happened an hour later near the Mansfield Cooper Building, followed by a third near the library at 18:30 BST. Two further assaults took place on 5 October, both near Manchester Museum. The boy touched a woman's breast in a car park, before carrying out another sex attack two hours later, the CPS said. Det Ch Insp Colin Larkin, from Greater Manchester Police, said the crimes had "shocked everybody, not least the five women who were traumatised as a result of being sexually assaulted by this young boy. For such a young boy to have committed such appalling attacks is both disturbing and unusual," he said.

The unusual thing about The Guardian report is that the nature of the sex attacks is described, namely "touching the women's bottoms outside of their clothing and in one instance, putting his hand up a woman's top". Normally the only indication we are given as to the nature of the offence in such cases is the phrase "sexual assault". This phrase conjures up considerably more heinous crimes than "touching women's bottoms outside their clothing". I ask you, are the police officer's words really appropriate? "shocked everybody", "women traumatised", "appalling attacks", "disturbing and unusual", and, of course, "sex attack" and "sexually assaulted".

I'm sorry, I'm not convinced. I think that what we have here is a young boy who needs to be told in no uncertain terms how to behave. But a rampaging sex fiend? I don't think so. But the women in question, the police, the newspapers and media, and the whole of our increasingly misandric society are determined to make this lad into a monster whether he is or not. Who were these oh-so-precious women who ran to the police because they'd had their bottom pinched? Isn't it about time women just started to woman-up and stop pretending to be so goddam fragile? After all, this lad clearly looks even younger than his years since the initial reports estimated his age as 12. Grown women reporting a 12 year old to the police for bottom pinching? Why didn't they just bawl at him and give him a slap, for Chrisake? Instead this misguided boy is being held in custody for at least six weeks, and may end up getting a custodial sentence and being entered into the sex offenders register, thus wrecking his whole life. Is that in balance with a few bottom tweaks? No it darn well is not. What we have here is "women = memsahibs" and "boy = nigger".

So, I'm just another misogynist, eh? No, I'm entitled to hold this view because I have been the victim of this same so-called sexual assault myself - twice. It happened to me many years ago outside University College London when I was a student. Walking

down the public street, I was passed by a line of 4 or 5 women in their twenties, students I presume. One of them pinched my bottom. This happened on two occasions. I presumed at the time, and still do, that this was the act of a feminist who was striking a bold blow for female emancipation by getting back on the enemy (men) for their constant tweaking of women's bottoms. (How common is this, by the way? I've certainly never done it, nor had the slightest desire so to do). In fact it was not until this Monday when I read The Guardian article that I realised I had been sexually assaulted<sup>1</sup>. It never crossed my mind to go running to the police. Would I do so if it happened again today? No, because I know the police would tell me to sling my hook. Yet I was "attacked", not by one 14 year old who looked 12, but by 4 or 5 fully grown, aggressive women. If the Manchester women were sexually assaulted, then so was I - twice.

Since the Jimmy Saville affair, many men who have been in the media are being charged with sexual assault. It would be interesting to know exactly what this phrase means in their case. And most of these cases go back to the 60s and 70s. So should I report my incidents of bottom-tweaking to the police, even after all these years? That is exactly what women 'victims' are doing, and being encouraged to do. (Of course, some of these incidents may be genuine rapes or other serious sexual assaults, which is a different matter entirely). But I wouldn't dream of making a fuss about bottom pinching. I'm happy to man-up about it. But what fuels my anger is that these very same women who tweaked my bottom would almost certainly be the keenest to report that boy to the police for tweaking theirs. Feminists - hypocrites to a woman.

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<sup>1</sup> I was also subject to a more serious sexual assault when I was 8 years old, but that's another story.