

Problem Case LEP

Minor child – Reports Rape to school advisor 01-26-08

Local PD takes Rape report, with use of Language Line.

Detective takes follow up report, determines that a Farsi Interpreter will be needed to complete the investigation. Investigation was completed the use of interpreter.

CPS takes custody of child, placed into protective custody.

Victim becomes a Ward of the State of Washington, and services provided.

CPS investigator/worker called the Local PD and informed Detective that he had been working with the family for one and a half years and was surprised that the minor had been placed into protective custody. This was two days after original report. He had interviewed the family, in the presence of the minor child victim, and the family informed the CPS worker that the victim was 24-29 years of age.

CPS worker informed detective that he had been shown a birth certificate showing the victim to be 24 years of age. CPS worker is convinced that the victim is 24, and had her removed from services provided to minor victims as he states she is an adult.

CPS worker unable to document claims of family to which he stated as being the truth as to age of victim, and the way she was brought in US.

Bone scan done to reveal age of victim. Victim shown to be between the ages of 16-17 years with a standard deviation +/- 15 months. The scan occurred on 04-14-08.

Victim placed back into protective custody, with services provided.