From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 30 May 2023 10:22

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Outrageous sentence for Sean Hogg

OR please

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 29 May 2023 18:47

To: First Minister < <u>FirstMinister@gov.scot</u> > **Subject:** Re: Outrageous sentence for Sean Hogg

I am absolutely appalled and disgusted by the Scottish so-called justice system. More like no justice. Yourself/parliament/judges etc are endorsing these abhorrent crimes. Unbelievable that reduced sentencing for under 25 year olds was ever allowed to pass. The scientific evidence sounds absolutely ridiculous and paves the way for just more younger crime and pathetic soft sentences.

That poor girl.

Stop and think for one minute how you and your family would feel if your daughter had suffered that horrendous crime? How must the girl and her family be feeling?

What message is that sending to other under 25 year old rapists? Let alone children wanting to report such crimes? I hope there is a massive backlash of this case and you decide to do the right thing as a politician but more importantly, to do the right thing because you are a dad.

Regards

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for

Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 21 April 2023 12:48

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Scan-to-Me Justice - 21st April 2023

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] (Sean Hogg)

Hi

One for micase as an OR please.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs – Angela Constance MSP

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From: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot >

Sent: 21 April 2023 12:27

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Scan-to-Me Justice - 21st April 2023

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached correspondence FAO your office.

Kind regards.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Performance Manager
Public Engagement Unit (MPO)
CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot



From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 19 April 2023 12:57

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Subject: Scan-to-Me

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh **EH99 1SP**

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

8th April 2023

Dear Madam Secretary,

Scottish Court Sentencing

It was with great concern and disgust that I read of the very lenient punishment given to a young man who committed rape on a thirteen year old schoolgirl.

In my opinion, rape comes second only to murder in the category of serious crimes, and

must be dealt with accordingly.

I am aware of the guidelines imposed by The SNP Government's Scottish Sentencing Council, whose guidelines operate on the apparent science which indicates that up to the age of twenty-five, individuals brains are immature, and I would have to say in that regard, some people, even reaching seventy years of age, don't actually ever mature, as can be witnessed by many examples of their actions. It does not mean however that they should not be accountable for their actions.

What it comes down to is a simple matter of the difference between right and wrong. We are all taught this right from the beginning by our parents, teachers and others who influence our lives. Indeed our education system is loaded with teaching our children about their rights and how everyone must be respected, and this would of course include the freedom to go about our day to day business without fear of sexual attacks. Children are made aware from a very early age of the difference between right and wrong, and I'm talking about even pre-school age.

By the time they reach their teens young people are only too well aware of what society expects of them, and at seventeen years of age, the young man in this case would be no

exception. However it appears that he deliberately chose to ignore the rules and attack a young girl, to satisfy his own desire for instant sexual gratification. Sadly we live in a world now

where we can have everything pretty much on demand, but this is one instance where it should never be permitted.

So, if we are considered immature until twenty-five, what then of the fact that we are considered of an age to get married, vote, drive a car, become a parent and frequent licensed premises, all whilst still in our teens. Something needs to be done to define

what does constitute a legal age.

We can't have it all ways, and certainly, something must be done about the situation whereby a person can rape another and literally have a get out of jail card. The Status Quo is not an option. The people of Scotland are rightly horrified at what has happened and feel let down by their justice system, which on this particular occasion has failed them very badly.

Yours faithfully

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for

Justice & Home Affairs **Sent:** 24 April 2023 10:33

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Morning,

One for OR please.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs – Angela Constance MSP

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Mob: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Email: cabsecjha@gov.scot

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 22 April 2023 14:30

To: Daniel.Johnson.msp@parliament.scot; Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

<CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: ian.murray.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: Sean Hogg

Hello,

I am writing to express my deep concern around how Sean Hogg, who was found guilty of rape, could escape a jail term?

I understand that criminals need to be rehabilitated, particuly young offenders, but they also need to be adequately punished for their crimes. Community service does not seem commensurate with the crime of rape.

I can't imagine how the victim of this crime is feeling and my deepest sympathies go out to her. I would suspect it might put off people reporting very serious offences such as this if the perpetrator was only going to be given community service.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Kind regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

My address -

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 22 April 2023 13:54

To: SG Complaints <SGComplaints@gov.scot>

Subject: recent lenient sentence for raping a 13 year old

When will this be reviewed.?

Any care to victim?

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Minister for Victims & Community

Safety

Sent: 12 April 2023 08:52

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Victims & Community Safety < Minister VCS@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: SEAN HOGG RAPIST VERDICT

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Hi PEU

Grateful if this can be added to Micase for an MR.

Many thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Victims and Community Safety – Siobhian Brown Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | Email: MinisterVCS@gov.scot

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 07 April 2023 10:55

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety < <u>Minister VCS@gov.scot</u>> **Cc:** Brown S (Siobhian), MSP < <u>Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot</u>>

Subject: FW: SEAN HOGG RAPIST VERDICT

Good morning,

I am passing this on as although he is a constituent he is looking for comments from Siobhian as a Minister.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent on behalf of:

Siobhian Brown MSP

Ayr Constituency

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 07 April 2023 10:30

To: Brown S (Siobhian), MSP <Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot>

Subject: SEAN HOGG RAPIST VERDICT

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As Minister for Victims and Community Safety and my constituency MSP I would welcome your comments on this case. Do you consider it acceptable that this so called "soft touch" sentencing is appropriate in such a case? The guilty party is allowed to vote, be an MSP, smoke, drink, join the armed forces and get married yet because he is under 25 years of age, is not considered to have a brain which is fully matured. The difference between right & wrong should be obvious to anyone, particularly where it involves a crime of this nature!

Given your Ministerial role do you intend to do anything to address crimes/sentencing of this nature?

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet

Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: 12 April 2023 09:17

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Absolutely ridiculous sentenceing. (Case Ref: AC6685)

Morning

One for micase as an OR please.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]
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- Angela Constance MSP

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From: Angela Constance MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot>

Sent: 04 April 2023 14:49

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot> **Subject:** FW: Absolutely ridiculous sentenceing. (Case Ref: AC6685)

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]
Office Manager to Angela Constance MSP
Almond Valley Constituency

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]Sent: 4 April 2023 12:31

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP

Subject: Absolutely ridiculous sentenceing.

Dear Ms Constance,

I am writing to you both as my MSP, and as Justice Secretary.

On reading the outcome of the case concerning Sean Hogg, who repeatedly raped a thirteen year old girl, I really could not believe it.

It would seem that your party is not content with protecting its own sexual predators ([redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]you are now protecting all sexual predators.

Not content with protecting sexual predators, you tried to enable them with the gender reform legislation, which Westminster has blocked, thankfully.

Your party has turned Scotland into a corrupt cesspit.

Yours

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 20 April 2023 18:04

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: Child rapist Sean Hogg

As a survivor of child sexual abuse, I am writing to express my outrage at the non-jail sentencing of this child rapist found guilty. I am doing this on behalf of the 13-year-old victim and to try to prevent further rapes by him. Also, to add to the bravery and voice of the victim now living in fear.

Anyone who rapes a child should be behind bars or in a young offender's institution when found guilty. He is older now too. But basically, been let off Scot free with community service.

I sincerely request an immediate jail term for him - for the victims healing and prevention of further child sexual abuse. I am shocked and disgusted by these new laws for under 25s. Please fix this asap.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 11 April 2023 09:38

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg conviction and sentence.

OR please

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 06 April 2023 17:37

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot >

Subject: Fwd: Sean Hogg conviction and sentence.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Date: 6 April 2023 at 17:31:59 BST
To: Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: Sean Hogg conviction and sentence.

Like many people, I am outraged by the sentence given to Sean Hogg after being convicted of rape. At no time has anyone mentioned or gave any thought to his victim, who was 13 years old. Many women already feel very vulnerable and this sentence is not a deterrent to other nor is it a punishment for Sean Hogg's crime.

I wonder if the people who made this decision would feel the same if the crime was committed against one of their family members. It is shocking, to say the least. Shame on the SNP for allowing this.

I would also like to add that this is very contradictory to other SNP policies where a 16 year old is mature enough to vote because they can get married but they cannot buy alcohol. Goodness knows

how they would support themselves, get a house or support a family. Perhaps it would make more sense the change the voting and marriage laws. If, according to SNP, the brain doesn't mature till the age of 25, why are these laws valid.

Many mixed messages are being sent out by this government who are supposed to do what's best for the people and not for their votes.

I am absolutely enraged and disgusted by recent events and hope this will be reviewed.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPad

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 11 April 2023 08:51

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape Sentence - Constituent email

Morning

One for micase as an MR please.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 06 April 2023 15:58

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape Sentence - Constituent email

Sending to new mailbox

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Ewing F (Fergus),

MSP

Sent: 05 April 2023 11:44

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans < CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Subject: Rape Sentence - Constituent email

Angela Constance MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Dear Angela,

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-65164041

I have received the below letter from my constituent regarding the above case. I would be grateful if his identity can be kept confidential.

Can you let me know please if the sentencing guidelines can be changed to make a jail sentence mandatory and specify minimum time?

I would be grateful for your views on this case please.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus Ewing MSP

Member of Scottish Parliament for Inverness and Nairn Office of Fergus Ewing MSP, 112 Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1EP

Telephone: 01463 713 004

- > On 4 Apr 2023, at 13:17, [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] wrote:
- > Dear Mr Ewing
- > What has this great nation become when a man receives a non-custodial
- > sentence for raping a 13 year old girl? Some have described it as
- > extraordinary. It is that but I also see it as yet another clear sign
- > of an increasingly incompetent government (A9, Ferries, Gender etc.).
- > What sort of signal is sent out by putting rape on the same level as
- > shop lifting? Where is the justice in this for a young girl and her
- > family who have had their whole lives blighted? All persons convicted
- > of rape should receive a custodial sentence no exceptions. The rape
- > of a minor should elicit an even stronger sentence. I look forward to
- > seeing your government changing the sentencing guidelines in order to bring this about.

> Yours Faithfully

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

> (I am one of your constituents)
>

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 11 April 2023 08:50

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: (Case Ref: JB27352)

Morning

One for micase as an MR please.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 06 April 2023 16:01

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: (Case Ref: JB27352)

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From: Jackie Baillie MSP < jackie.baillie.msp@parliament.scot>

Sent: 05 April 2023 11:21

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans < CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Subject: (Case Ref: JB27352)

Please see attached correspondence.

Regards



Constituency Office 11 Castle Street Dumbarton G82 1QS Tel: 01389 734214

Our Ref: JB27352

Email: jackie.baillie.msp@parliament.scot

Mr Angela Constance MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs
Scottish Government
St. Andrew's House
Regent Road
Edinburgh
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5 April 2023

Dear Angela

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

I have been contacted by the above-noted constituent, as well as concerned residents throughout Scotland in relation to the sentencing of 21-year-old Sean Hogg at the High Court in Glasgow, earlier this week.

Prima facie, Mr Hogg appears to have been convicted of raping a 13-year-old girl during a series of assaults which took place between March and June 2018, at Dalkeith Country Park.

Media reports on the case suggest that Lord Lake handed Hogg a Community Payback Order because he did not believe such a move would contribute to his rehabilitation as the offender was 17 at the time of the incident, had no previous convictions and had never served time in prison.

He was, instead, ordered to carry out 270 hours of unpaid work and placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for three years.

Correspondence to my office would suggest that this has inflamed members of the public who are losing confidence in the justice system as a direct result of the sentence imposed on this occasion.

It has also sparked further debate over the leniency of the justice system, wider sentencing policy and the availability of capital punishment.

I would be grateful if you could review this case and the sentence handed down in order to provide reassurance to both my constituents who have raised concerns and the wider public over the viability of the justice system and sentencing in Scotland.

Many thanks for your assistance

Yours sincerely

Jackie Baillie MSP Dumbarton Constituency

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 17 April 2023 18:14

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot> **Subject:** Recent sentencing decision.

Can you kindly inform me with whom I can communicate with, regarding the recent APALLING decision of Rape / 13 year old and subsequent setence..

Regards

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 05 April 2023 10:16

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Shocking!!

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

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----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Constance A

(Angela), MSP

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:08

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Shocking!!

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 17:49

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela. Constance.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Shocking!!

Cannot believe a rapist of a thirteen year old child/girl got unpaid work as a punishment. What on earth is happening. Scotland has to step up!! Put yourself in

that girl/parents shoes. Absolutely unbelievable what a soft nation we are. The Scottish government has to wake up to justice and get a custodial sentence. Nothing is impossible but this rapist has had no punishment at all. And three years on the sex offenders list oh dear god!!!

Basically outraged!!

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 05 April 2023 08:41

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rapist gets 270hrs community service

OR please

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 17:37

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot >

Subject: Fwd: Rapist gets 270hrs community service

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Date: 4 April 2023 at 09:49:17 BST

To: first@minister

Subject: Rapist gets 270hrs community service

Dear first minister

Please can you explain to me the reason that a 17 year old is not being jailed for raping a 13 year old child. I am utterly disgusted that under 25 in Scotland are being treated more leniently than anyone else over that age. The SNP have given under 25 year olds a licence to commit one of the most serious crimes ever (this young lady will have to live with this forever) however the then 17 year old man is done and dusted with it after completing his 270 hrs.

I will be very interested in how you will try to justify this case. Between this law and the gender

reform one where another violent sex offender (against other women) was almost placed in a women's prison. The SNP are giving rapist of women free rein. I will never ever vote for SNP again in my lifetime and will try to persuade as many people as possible not to vote for SNP the party who support rapists I am utterly disgusted by the actions of your party

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery,

Health and Social Care **Sent:** 04 April 2023 11:33

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CabSecNRHSC@gov.scot>

Subject: FW:

For OR, please.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care – Michael Matheson MSP

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 07:45

To: Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CabSecNRHSC@gov.scot>

Subject:

Hi there,

I'm genuinely curious.

How does it work if the Scottish Justice system, backed by the Scottish Government, says an under 25 does not have the mental maturity to face consequences of their crimes, but the same government through the health system, says an 18 year old can be castrated, mutilate their body, take exogenous hormones and inflict all manner of barbarity on themselves via "gender affirming surgery"?

Seriously you should read up on what they *actually do* to give a trans person a "vagina". It's not for the faint hearted.

To get back to my point though: how can you be considered, in scots law, too immature to face consequences for raping someone, but at the same time mature enough to decide to have your testicles chopped off, and to absolutely destroy your body?

How do you square that circle? If mental gymnastics were ab Olympic sport you'd take gold.

Yours sincerely,

Someone who is glad she got out of a place where rapists walk free

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 04 April 2023 13:09

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Child rapist walks free .

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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One for micase as an OR please.

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:48

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Child rapist walks free .

I have just learned of a man recently convicted of raping a 13 year old girl, being given a community service order. No jail time.

I am appalled that he is effectively being let off with this crime. This is not the outcome the parents of a child victim would expect from Scottish justice. What signal does this send?

Is this what Scotland has become? A haven for rapists?

As an SNP voter, this is not a party political thing, but I am am gravely concerned about the direction our courts are taking.

Regards

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 06 April 2023 09:48

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg Rape Sentence

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 06 April 2023 07:34

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg Rape Sentence

Dear Justice Secretary,

Can you please intervene in the unduly lenient sentencing of Sean Hogg who was found guilty of raping a 13 year old girl and only received community service. This send out the wrong message that it is ok to carry out a serious crime if you are under 25 and get away with it.

If this sentence is allowed to stand it sets a very disturbing precedent and does not bode well for the safety of women and girls in this country.

Yours sincerely

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:57

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sentence of rapist Sean Hogg

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:41

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot Subject: Sentence of rapist Sean Hogg

Dear Mr Yousaf

I write regarding the absolute travesty that is the sentence of the convicted rapist of a 13 year old girl.

As a woman and mother of a daughter, I am appalled that the Scottish Courts find it acceptable to completely ignore the effect that this horrendous crime against a 13 year old girl will have on the rest of her life, in order to rehabilitate a 21 year old rapist, who has accepted no responsibility, nor apologised for his actions to this young girl. These guidelines were approved by your SNP government.

It is acceptable to place him on the sex offenders register but equally allow him to live openly in the community with absolutely no regard to the safety of females.

As first minister of Scotland you should hang your head in shame that you and your party think this is in anyway acceptable to anyone.

I have never voted for the SNP and will never entertain the idea of voting for the SNP in the future. You and your party are an absolute disgrace, not only to the women of Scotland but to women everywhere.

I have never felt ashamed of being Scottish until today but you and the SNP party and your government have today made me feel that way. Shame on you.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

from Yahoo Mail on Android

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:57

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg Rapist

OR please - AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:06

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg Rapist

Dear Humza.

I find myself writing to you in disbelief of what is going on in Scotland.

How can we allow a rapist to evade a custodial sentence in favour of community service?

I'm horrified and terrified for myself and my daughter who assumed that we would be cared for in every sense if anything should happen to us while we carry out our law abiding lives.

But I now understand that if the perpetrator is under 25, then there's every chance they may well not 'feel the full force of the law'.

Obviously this is not the only case of it's kind since the new policy was introduced in 2022 but I cannot understand the discrepancy between allowing children to make up their own minds about important gender issues or voting rights, when seemingly they

don't have to take full responsibility for criminal activity they carry out before the age of 25.

I have two children aged 13 and 15 - both of whom know exactly what is expected of them as a law abiding citizen.

This is making me scared in my own country.

Why is the perpetrator given more consideration than that of the 13 year old victim? I'm at a loss.

Yours sincerely

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

From: John Lamont MP < john.lamont.mp@parliament.uk>

Sent: 05 April 2023 16:05

To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>

Subject: (Case Ref: JL37199)

MR – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

FAO: ANGELA CONSTANCE MSP CABINET SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Dear Angela

"LENIENT SENTENCE"

I have been contacted by my constituent, [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal **information)]**, to raise her concerns about a recent sentence.

My constituent's email is attached.

I would be grateful to receive a response for my constituent.

Kind regards



Member of Parliament for Berwickshire, Roxburgh &

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 13:47

To: uls.referrals@attorneygeneral.gov.uk

Cc: LAMONT, John < john.lamont.mp@parliament.uk >

Subject: lenient sentence

I hope you cover Scottish Courts. If you don't please tell me who to contact.

Yesterday, a man convicted of raping a girl who was 13 at the time and sexually assaulting her and another girl was given a 270hr community sentence rather than prison. Surely jail is the only just punishment for rape. I can't see that he is even going to be on the sex offenders register.

Name: Sean Hogg

Court: High Court in Glasgow

Judge: Lord Lake

Date 3/4/23

Crime: rape and sexual assault

Many thanks

Sent: 05 April 2023 08:38

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Outrageous sentece for Sean Hogg

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 23:44

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot Subject: Re: Outrageous sentece for Sean Hogg

I am appalled and disgusted hearing the recent sentence. It is unbelievable that he will do community service for **raping a 13 year old girl**. Have you actually processed that in your mind properly! Who would approve such pathetic soft sentences for abhorrent crimes just because the culprit is under 25 years old? The scientific evidence is absurd.

It appears yourself/parliament members/judges/sentencing committees etc, have endorsed this feeble sentence. Shame on you and all that approved passing this through the legal system.

What message is this portraying to under 25 year old would-be/current criminals? What message is it portraying for future victims?

That poor girl and her family.

Stop and think. How would you and your family feel if it was your daughter that was the victim? I hope you do the right thing, not only as a politician but as a dad too. **Get this decision reversed and tear up that ridiculous research.**

Regards

Sent: 04 April 2023 10:44

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Disgraceful sentence

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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OR please.

Cheers

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

| First Minister's Ministerial Private Office | 5th Floor | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 10:06

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot >

Subject: FW: Disgraceful sentence

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Date: 03/04/2023 15:35 (GMT+00:00)
To: Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot

Subject: Disgraceful sentence

Dear Sir,

I refer you to the attached headline and the article which I read online today.

I wish to say that as a mother and grandmother I think this sentence is absolutely shocking for such a serious crime.

I read that the judge was following what sentence is advised. If that is the case then our judicial system requires to be reviewed very quickly in order to protect the children in this country as clearly at present they are not being protected from sexual predators who are taking their innocence and leaving them with a lifetime of mental health issues.

Yours sincerely, [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my Galaxy





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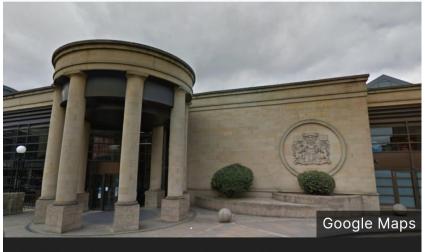


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Man who raped 13year-old girl in park walks free from court

Sean Hogg, 21, was given a community payback order after raping the teenage girl in 2018.



Guilty: Hogg was sentenced to 270 hours of community service at the High Court in Glasgow.



By STV News

3 hours ago

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 13 April 2023 04:21

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject: DISGUST

I am unsure if this is the appropriate department to be writing to, but just had to register my utter disgust and profound anger at the sentence handed to the rapist of a young 13 year old girl - community service!!!! Has Scotland gone mad along with the rest of the world.? Have we no deterrent for these predators? Has Scotland opened its doors to all under 25's would be rapists? If someone is deemed responsible enough to marry in Scotland at 16 they are more than able to take the consequences of such an horrific crime. Did the justice system give any thought to the life of the young girl which is now probably in tatters and she is scarred for life?

It greatly saddens me when I see the complete disregard for females in some countries but NEVER in my lifetime I thought that Scotland would be leaning towards their ideals.

Thoroughly and sickeningly disgusted by this outcome.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Ps should this not be the appropriate department to register my disgust please feel free to pass on to whichever one does.

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 04 April 2023 13:03

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Justice denied

Hi

One for micase as an OR please. AO - [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:26

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Justice denied

Rapist gets community service so much for Scottish justice disgraceful decision does this judge live in the real world

Do something about it or I won't be voting SNP in the next elections

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 11 April 2023 09:53

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Violence Against Women in Scotland

OR please

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 10 April 2023 17:19

To: First Minister <<u>firstminister@gov.scot</u>>

Subject: FW: Violence Against Women in Scotland

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Date: Monday, 10 April 2023 at 17:18

To: <u>Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot</u> < <u>Humza.Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot</u> >

Subject: Violence Against Women in Scotland

Dear Humza Yousaf,

Congratulations on becoming the First Minister, I wish you all the best and am looking forward to the amazing progress I am sure you and your party will continue to make following Nicola Sturgeon's leave.

My name is [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

As I am sure you are aware, just last week a man found guilty of raping a 13-year-old girl was sentenced to a mere 270 hours of unpaid work and just three years on the sex offenders registration – with zero time in prison as a consequence to his actions.

Not only is this utterly disgraceful and unjust for the girl who's life has been forever changed and traumatised by this man's actions; but it also sends a clear message to every other man capable of this crime that rape has effectively been decriminalised for men under the age of 25 in Scotland.

The judge cited Sean Hogg's age as a primary reason for the light sentence, "For the level of seriousness, I have to consider your liability and have regard to your age as a factor. This offence, if committed by an adult over 25 you attract a sentence of four or five years. I don't consider that appropriate and don't intend to send you to prison". I understand that recent Scottish laws have been implemented to encourage rehabilitation over punishment for people under the age of 25 in order to ensure they can attempt to achieve a better future for themselves. This makes sense for most crimes, although it does not make sense for the severity and seriousness of rape.

I think that there is a case to be made that the SNP should review whether or not this should apply to persons under the age of 25 who have committed serious sexual offences (particularly against children). We recognise someone as understanding the difference between right and wrong (legally) from the age of 10 in Scotland. Why then should the abhorrent crime of rape go essentially unpunished by a 21 year old man. He may have been 17 at the time but court records show that he has carried out several assaults previous to this. Furthermore, a person of 17 years old has a clear understanding of the immoral, violent and cruel nature of rape. There is no justice here for the victim, the child who's life has been completely transformed forever. If another woman or child is attacked by this man it will be the fault of the judge and the laws he was able to interpret to make and justify this decision.

The government has a responsibility to protect women and girls from gendered violence, and to tackle institutional misogyny within the judicial system and policing. With just 1.7% of rapes resulting in a conviction in the UK we need the government to do a lot more and to introduce legislation which effectively protects women from male violence.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I hope to hear from you soon and hear your thoughts on this issue.

Best wishes,

Sent: 05 April 2023 15:01

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 12:00

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Fwd: Rape

Ensuring this email below gets to you and I would ask that you please read

Kind Regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Yousaf H (Humza), MSP" < Humza. Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot>

Date: 5 April 2023 at 09:42:23 BST

To: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Subject: RE: Rape

Hello,

Thank you for your email to the constituency office of Humza Yousaf MSP.

Just to be clear, this email address is for local Glasgow Pollok constituency matters only. Parliamentary protocol precludes MSPs from taking on casework from constituents out with their constituency.

I believe your email was intended for Humza in his ministerial capacity of First Minister. If so, you should forward your email to his ministerial inbox for his attention. The email address is FirstMinister@gov.scot

You can also contact any Cabinet Secretary or Minister by emailing: scottish.ministers@gov.scot and your enquiry will be sent to the most relevant minister.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards, Constituency Office of Humza Yousaf MSP

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----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 23:36

To: Yousaf H (Humza), MSP < Humza. Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Rape

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Dear Humza

I feel compelled to write to you to voice my complete and utter disgust and dismay that in the country I have lived my entire life we now appear to be condoning the horrendous act of rape on a child.

I fully appreciate that reviews of our justice system should be looked at and rehabilitation for minor crimes should be considered for under 25s as per new guidelines and yes my understanding was these are guidelines. I can't believe that considering following these guidelines for this utterly appalling crime is acceptable.

In my view the act of rape on a child or indeed any age is a horrendous crime that scars the victim for the rest of their life. So how must it feel for the victim in this case to know the person who committed this crime is allowed the freedoms of living in the community, and walking the streets knowing they have not been convicted with the appropriate prison sentence. What ever happened to the the punishment should fit the crime committed. Are we now saying any under 25 who

commits rape will only have to do community service. The very thought of that is outrageous. I will never be convinced that community service is the correct punishment for this horrific crime because it's absolutely not and never will be.

What does this say to any other male under the age of 25 with these tendencies. As a woman I like many other females I already feel unsafe walking the streets at night and the unacceptable handling of this case fills me with fear and sends out the wrong message to these males.

God help the victim of this horrific crime having to relive this with all the media attention this has attracted due to the disbelief and fury of our justice system failing to take the appropriate action.

As our newly appointed first minister i appeal to you Please do the right thing and give the victim and every female the hope that we really do mean something in society and that when the horrendous act of rape is committed it is met with the appropriate punishment.

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:04

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Low sentence for Rape of a Child

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: : [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Low sentence for Rape of a Child

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

On 5 Apr 2023 09:55, : [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] wrote:

Dear Justice Secretary

I read with astonishment and disgust, of this recent case of the rape of a child by Sean Hogg, who was given a community service sentence. Whilst I realise that rehabilitation is suitable in some less serious crimes, raping of children does not come into that category!

What kind of woke and soft touch society have we become when this type of sentence is handed down? What does it say to victims of rape?

This is totally outrageous and the Scottish Government should take action immediately on this, and a review of this lenient sentence.

Regards

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:02

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Overly lenient rape sentences

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

On Behalf Of Constance A (Angela), MSP

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:42

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Overly lenient rape sentences

----Original Message-----

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 23:37

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot >

Subject: Overly lenient rape sentences

Dear Angela,

I am never in the habit of writing emails and ranting or raving however I cannot believe the recent case of Sean Hogg the rapist not being sentenced for raping a 13 year old.

Listening on Scotland tonight some solicitor called [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] defending this decision by the judge stating that Hogg did not get off scot free because he had unpaid work...so he has to do some unpaid work. The reality is many of us work 60 hours a week plus do voluntary work and help in our communities every week. So I don't think much of a non custodial sentence. He has not been made responsible for his actions by any stretch of the imagination.

My daughters friend was raped about a year ago and I have no doubt this guy did this kind of thing before, and it was premeditated, he on the face of it seemed a nice guy with a good job, he offered to walk her back to the hotel safely and carried her shoes so he could drop them off into the room and as soon as he accessed the room he flipped his attitude and became aggressive and raped her. He lied about his age, he was 5 years older than he said he was.

What deterrent is there to these crimes when men get no custodial sentence. Rape is rife. I know of 5 of my daughters friends who have been raped, sexually assaulted or had someone attempt to rape them. These are university educated girls. This is in Aberdeen and Inverness. Most times girls will not report these crimes and no much wonder .. what's the point of putting themselves through the stress of reporting when the punishment is non existent or very lenient. . [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] on her support of the non custodial sentence mentioned that psychologists had been involved in supporting the case for it. However did psychologists ask the victims. How do the victims feel. My daughter is both a psychologist and a counsellor for Rape Crisis and I know that for the victim it is devastating when the trauma they have been through is minimised in light sentencing. It's like saying .. you didn't go through that much and makes the victims feel even more worthless than they already do. I am truly fed up of seeing men get off so lightly with rape crimes. Victims are left feeling worthless, struggle with anxiety, low confidence, depression etc for years.. some for the rest of their lives. Rape is like a life sentence for woman for most never are the same person ever again, affecting every aspect of their lives. I am sick fed up of rape and sexual crime being minimised by judges in Scotland.

Therefore I say it's time to put the victims first. Rape crisis call their victims survivors but the courts are making them victims by minimising rape instead of helping to empower woman and girls.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet

Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: 03 April 2023 15:48

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Convicted rape punishments

Hi

One for micase as an OR please. AO - [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Constance A

(Angela), MSP

Sent: 03 April 2023 14:51

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Convicted rape punishments

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]Sent: 03 April 2023 14:44

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot > Cubicate Constance and approximate to the constance and approximate and approxi

Subject: Convicted rape punishments

Dear Ms Constance

First of all may I take the opportunity to congratulate you on your new role as Cabinet Secretary for Justice. [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Today however I am contacting you as an individual. On BBC Scotland news this lunchtime I heard that a convicted rapist, who was 17 at the time he raped a 13 year old girl, has been given 270 hours of unpaid work and will not be sent to prison. The judge said that sending the individual to prison would disrupt any rehabilitation.

Clearly there will be many factors contributing to this decision but can I say that 270 hours community service seems incredibly light given that the girl will suffer in so many ways for the rest of her life. [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] Young men of this age know exactly what they are doing. I agree that rehabilitation is crucial but surely if a jury has found the individual guilty - and given how difficult it is getting anyone to court on such a charge in the first place - then the evidence must have been compelling. For such a devastating thing to happen to a child [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]270 hours unpaid work seems like a slap on the wrist.

The reason I'm alerting you to this type of case is that victims of violent crime need to see justice served and I'm worried that this kind of sentence offers up a view that rape is not taken seriously, and that young perpetrators' futures are more important than that of a traumatised child. I hope that as Justice Secretary you will continue the good work of your predecessors in helping to encourage survivors of rape and assault to come forward and report the crimes against them, in the knowledge that sentences appropriate to those crimes will be meted out. [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Many thanks for your time.

Yours sincerely

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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Sent: 03 April 2023 15:59

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot> **Subject:** FW: Lord Lake Sentencing Article By STV On Facebook

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 15:33

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Lord Lake Sentencing Article By STV On Facebook

First Minister,

I'm sending you this link, so as you can see exactly what people think of this decision -



A man who was found guilty of raping a 13... - STV News facebook.com

Regards,

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:57

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Joke Senencing

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Constance A (Angela), MSP

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:43

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Joke Senencing

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 20:29

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < <u>Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot</u>>

Subject: Joke Senencing

Good evening,

I hope you are well.

I don't usually write to MSP's/MP's however, I feel it's important to do so today.

I am appalled, shocked and angry at the joke of a sentence handed to Sean Hogg, convicted of the rape of a 13 year old girl.

This wasn't a 'one off' offence in the heat of the moment, it's worse, this took place over a 4 month period.

Premeditated on each occasion by this abhorrent animal to sexually attack and rape a child.

She must have felt fear, pain and humiliation each time this animal came anywhere near her.

What must she now think of our so called justice system? What does this say to other victims of rape?

Where in the sentencing did the judge think about this?

Where in the sentence is the so called 'rehabilitation' for this man?

I agree with sentencing reform for petty crimes/criminals as I believe more needs to be done to stop the perpetual cycle of re-offending however, this case should NEVER have been treated as such.

A 17 year old knows right from wrong, a 17 year old boy knows that rape is wrong, if he doesn't he is a danger to all women and needs to be locked up!!

This judicial reform needs to be reviewed to prevent anyone else escape punishment for such a serious crime.

I have also sent to my MSP & MP.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards, [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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Sent: 05 April 2023 09:55

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Free pass to rapists

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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Sent: 05 April 2023 09:43

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Free pass to rapists

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 20:13

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot >

Subject: FW: Free pass to rapists

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Date: 04/04/2023 18:54 (GMT+00:00)

To: Angela.Constance.msp@parluament.scot

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet

Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 08:08

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 16:38

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: MSP Yousaf H < Humza. Yousaf.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg

FAO ANGELA CONSTANCE

As a long time SNP supporter it is with a heavy heart I write this email.

I am a mother of a 12 (soon to be 13) year old daughter.

As I watched the news last night I learned about the 13 year old rape victim who's rapist will not receive a custodial sentence. Being completely appalled by this I looked into why this was.

I have learned this is due to a policy change by the SNP which aims to treat criminals under the age of 25 differently due to the immaturity of their brain. I have also learned these guidelines were drawn up by the Scottish Sentencing Council which was set up by the SNP Scottish Government and led by Lady Dorrian, the Lord Justice Clerk.

What a blatant disregard for the 13 year old victim.

Whilst I understand the ethos behind this (to reduce reoffending) surely the rape of a 13 girl is far too serious for no custodial sentence. What message does this send to young males under 25 for the consequences of their actions? What message does this send to our young females regarding how we value them in society? Surely rape is one of the most under reported crimes, (due to low conviction rates) do you think this might have an effect on whether women report rape in the future?

I am not generally someone who would email regarding this type of thing, but I feel so strongly that rape is far too serious a crime for no custodial sentence to be passed.

If this case is not reviewed I will never vote SNP again, and I imagine many parents will share my views.

Regards,

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:54

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg sentence

Morning

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Thanks

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Sent: 05 April 2023 09:43

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg sentence

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 19:42

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot >

Subject: Sean Hogg sentence

I am seething with anger at the pathetic sentence of a rapist - community service - this is appalling.

I watched BBC news report today - which concentrated wholly on the rehabilitation of the offender - NOT ONE SINGLE WORD ABOUT THE VICTIM!!!

Scottish courts would appear to do anything but jail an offender but this sentence is scandalous.

I have 4 granddaughters - how can their parents ever expect any justice for them in similar circumstances.

There are pathetically few rape cases which ever reach courts so when a man is found guilty then not jailed it sends a very dangerous precedent.

I am not a SNP supporter and never will be if this sentence is the shape of Scottish policy - disgusting.

On the subject of drugs in jails - surely the most obvious way of detecting drugs is to use dogs - they are used in airports with considerable success so why not jails? Or would that throw too much suspicion on visitors or even staff.

Please do not ignore this email - I expect a reply detailing exactly why this man was spared jail.

Where is the deterrent and justice for women.

Hamsa Yousef said he understood the anger of women - he had better DO something about it then.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 05 April 2023 08:07

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg sentence

Morning

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Thanks

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 17:37

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg sentence

Dear Ms Constance,

I am very concerned about the light sentence handed out to Sean Hogg after he was found guilty of rape. The victim was 13 and he was 17 when the rape occurred. He is now 21 and it seems that there is more concern for his well-being than that of the victim.

For such a serious crime how can 270 hours of community service be a deterrent? This does not seem to be justice for his victim or her family.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 05 April 2023 08:41

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 22:24

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot >

Subject: Rape

Sir your attitude towards rape is disgusting a 21yr old man rapes a 13 yr old girl and you agree with a community service order because he is young, are you claiming that he doesn't know that's wrong? My god unbelievable she was 13 which in itself is illegal never mind the rape, would you have the same view if your own daughter was raped? I find your attitude towards women disgusting.

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice &

Home Affairs

Sent: 05 April 2023 10:04

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Low sentence for Rape of a Child

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 09:57

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Low sentence for Rape of a Child

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

On 5 Apr 2023 09:55, norma.37@btinternet.com wrote:

Dear Justice Secretary

I read with astonishment and disgust, of this recent case of the rape of a child by Sean Hogg, who was given a community service sentence. Whilst I realise that rehabilitation is suitable in some less serious crimes, raping of children does not come into that category!

What kind of woke and soft touch society have we become when this type of sentence is handed down? What does it say to victims of rape?

This is totally outrageous and the Scottish Government should take action immediately on this, and a review of this lenient sentence.

Regards

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 05 April 2023 07:48

To: Margaret FERRIER <margaret.ferrier.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg 21 rapist 270 hours work in the community?

OR - AO Ronnie Fraser

Dear Margaret and justice minister

This sentence is a crime in its self first thing sack the incompetent judge. There is no mitigation for raping a 13 year old on various occasions. As a man who was brought up with 6 sisters this sickens me. Progressive Scotland said the First Minister more lip service.

Serious pressure need to apply here there must be a review into the leniency and competence of the judge. He said Quote because you were 17 when you raped the 13 year old it would be a community pay back.

Be assured the last thing we the community think is this is a payback. You could not write it no wonder people take matters into their own hands on this front.

I wonder what this young girl's family think of the sentence. First reply from the Scottish government nothing to do with us? Pressure must be applied from every corner to have this sentence overturned and this serial rapist jailed.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPad

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 20:04

To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>

Subject: FAO Angela Constance

OR - AO Ronnie Fraser

Minister

I am contacting you with regard to the sentencing of Sean Hogg. As a previous social worker you should be acutely aware of the issues for a teenager who has been sexually abused over a period of months.

I accept that we have to be aware of the age of a "young offender" but in this case of sexual abuse (rape) there have to be consequences and I do not think 270 hours of unpaid work is appropriate, particularly, if he was 25 years plus he could have received a custodial sentence of 4/5 years.

This young girl who was raped will no doubt have recurring memories and trigger points and will experience these traumas for years, while this young man who after 270 hours will I presume, have little remorse.

I believe the SNP has to be realistic when voting on policies and passing policies which can have a major impact on victims. This policy almost forgets the victims. I believe there should have been a clause in this policy with regard to sexual abuse/rape and safeguarding , irrespective of the age of the offender and I think, that you as the Minister of Justice should be raising this issue with the Lord Advocate . I think this sentence is detrimental to the victim and does not recognise her trauma.

I look forward to your view regarding this matter.

Regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 05 April 2023 08:10

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Soft touch justice

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

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(Angela), MSP

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To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Soft touch justice

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Sent: 04 April 2023 16:28

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela. Constance.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Soft touch justice

Dear ms Constance

Hi there I am e-mailing to express my disgust at the sentence handed to Sean Hogg in the relation to the rape of a child, the snp guidelines are a disgrace, and out of touch with the general publics feelings. There is no deterrent for offenders under the age of 25 which is a joke.

Under current law you can marry,have a child,vote,join the army and go to war under the age of 25 but violent crime the brain hasn't fully developed what a load of rubbish,the sentencing guidelines from the snp government don't make any sense,the judges hands are tied when handing sentences our to offenders,where is the victims rights.

There have been other cases where the sentence wasn't appropriate to the crime,is this the snp trying to lower the crime numbers,I can't express how dismayed I am with the Scottish government and I voted for independence,yours in total disgust and disbelief [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 04 April 2023 15:12

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 14:38

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg

Dear Prime Minister

I want to email you personally, that I am absolutely shocked and outraged by what I learned today.

A man named Sean Hogg has been sentenced in Glasgow High Court to community service over the rape of a 14 year old child. I think this sentence is shocking and lacks any kind of understanding. Please, look into the matter closely and check why this judge is allowed to practice law. A young girls life has been ruined and he doesn't even go to prison.

https://news.stv.tv/east-central/man-who-raped-13-year-old-girl-in-midlothian-park-handed-community-payback-order-at-glasgow-high-court

Thank you for your time, [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

A concerned resident of Scotland

Sent: 04 April 2023 13:55

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg, 21 sentencing

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:22

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot> Subject: Sean Hogg, 21 sentencing

Hi there

I would like to bring forward as member of the public and mother of my views on the outcome of guilty verdict made by Judge Lord Lake.

"For the level of seriousness, I have to consider your liability and have regard to your age as a factor. This offence, if committed by an adult over 25 you attract a sentence of four or five years."I don't consider that appropriate and don't intend to send you to prison". Quote Judge Lord lake STV news article published 3rd April 2023 I have studied crime and politics and social policy for many years and I have outlined important things surrounding criminal justice and Scottish laws

The Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 maintains the age of consent at 16 and provides that any sexual activity between an adult and a child and young person constitutes a criminal offence. Sexual intercourse and oral sex between children and young people under the age of 16 also remains unlawful. (The victim was 13) no mention of age of the sexual offender.

16 years

(1)A person under the age of 21 years ("the applicant") may make application to the court to set aside a transaction which he entered into while he was of or over the age of 16 years but under the age of 18 years and which is a prejudicial transaction.

So yes a understanding that they will not. be tried as an adult so yes lesser prison sentence. Not community service.

by C Beccaria · Cited by 2477 — 'In Beccaria's view, the purpose of punishment is to deter the offender from committing the crime again and to discourage , **Beccaria** advocated that punishments should fit the crime and be proportional to the harm done, laws should only be determined by the legislature, judges should only determine guilt, and every person should be treated equally under the law

Both of these principals have been ignored. I could actually go on about proving my point for days. The simple fact a over 16 (17) year committed rape on minor a 13 year girl. I believe of the "recent" discovery i use quotes because it been well known for many decades that mind does not fully develop until 25 and it not governed by a law that someone made up. This is not new however I was teenager at one point and have two just now and they know rape is serious crime and having sex as minor is illegal. They also aware of hr trauma of a victim due the severity of the abuse. Its alarming the age of crime was factor but not the victim. The development of 17 male and 13 female are different if want to start using "science" use it correctly. He was sentenced less because of no previous. Again evidence shows males that will commit rape don't start until mean age of 18. I want to know what approach your Judge took from the high court oh yes the high court the reasoning you are sent there is give a higher sentence that sheriff court. Community service is for low level crime such as theft

We don't sexual predators paying the community back we want justice for the victim and for the offender to get psychological help and rehabilitation to benefit our society

I would like you to accept this as social.policy challenge and hope my fellow constitutes stand together on this and fight for justice

Thank you

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 03 April 2023 13:20

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Lord Lake's sentencing of Sean Hogg

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 13:18

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot> Subject: Lord Lake's sentencing of Sean Hogg

Dear First Minister.

I was horrified to read of the sentencing of a child rapist, Sean Hogg, this morning. A community payback order for one of the most heinous crimes committed is abhorrent, and I cannot believe a senior judge would find this acceptable.

I understand there will be an appeal from the prosecuting barrister, but I am compelled to ask you to intervene and ensure that this wrong is sufficiently righted.

I would also ask you if this judge is fit to be presiding over such cases? Surely, his appointment and behaviour need to be reviewed?

I look forward to hearing from you soonest,

Kind regards,

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 04 April 2023 13:07

To: Public Engagement Unit < Correspondence Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Community service for a rapist

Hi

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Assistant Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs – Angela Constance MSP The Scottish Government St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:09

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Community service for a rapist

As a citizen of Scotland I am totally disgusted at the sentence handed out to a convicted rapist. He was 17 at the time he committed this abhorrent crime and knew what he was doing was wrong. This law in Scotland is making our country unsafe as if this crime is committed by an under 25 yr old they get away with it. What about the young person that this happened too ,she got the life sentence of horrific memories of this happening to her. Scotland has become a laughing stock and will continue to be so if this is law is not changed for RAPE. Yours Sincerely [redacted]

s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPad

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:15

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Appauling justive system

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 11:53

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Appauling justive system

Hi.

My name is **[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]** and i have recently seen the news on a 21 year old man receiving community payback for a rape he committed on a 13 year old when he was 17. At 17 you know not to rape someone. At 17 you are legally an adult. At 17 you can drive a car, have your own house, legally have sex. So why was this man not held accountable for his actions? This girls life is ruined, i know this as i am a woman and if this ever happened to me i would never be the same, i would live the rest of my life terrified.

The justice system in scotland is appauling, i thought it was only greenock sherrif court that allowed nonses to walk but apparently not.

Is it a wonder why women are still living unequally from men? Because our government allows men to assert their power over us if they like and if we report it then nothing comes of it.

Women and children are at high risk under these policies that allow sex offenders to walk, this is one of the most serious crimes and should be treated as such.

Cases of any sexual assault, especially rape, should be dealt with in the high court where an individual will recieve a sentence suitable to the damage that they have caused their victim.

Prison should not just be about rehabilitation for the offenders it should be about punishment to assure a victim that they have recieved justice.

This victim has been failed by everyone and will now probably live a life of drugs, crime and poverty herself due to her life experiences and the lack of reassurance that the law and everyone else is on her side.

I am absolutley disgusted. I vote SNP usually but given the absolute state of this country and the SNP's constant leniency towards crime i will severely reconsider at the next election.

It is getting to the point snp are the best of a bad bunch and thats the only reason they get votes.

Between the law allowing men (rapists) into womans prisons just because they claim to be of opposite sex and then a rapist walks free and can freely rape again if he pleases this country is a bad country, giving bad people too many rights.

Can i ask where is the victims rights in this country?

This is a bad day for womans rights in scotland and i hope to god youse begin to work towards protecting womans rights in future instead of risking them to gain votes from the minority.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Yours sincerely

Victims & Community Safety **Sent:** 04 April 2023 15:55

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Victims & Community Safety < Minister VCS@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape Sentences

Hi PEU

Grateful if this can be added to Micase for an MR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Many thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Victims and Community Safety – Siobhian Brown Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG | Email: MinisterVCS@gov.scot

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Minister for

Victims & Community Safety **Sent:** 04 April 2023 15:38

To: Brown S (Siobhian), MSP < Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot>; Minister for

Victims & Community Safety < Minister VCS@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rape Sentences

Hi – thanks for sending this over.

Thanks,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

From: Brown S (Siobhian), MSP <Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot>

Sent: 04 April 2023 12:06

To: Minister for Victims & Community Safety < Minister VCS@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape Sentences

Hi [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

s.30(b)(i) (Free and frank exchange of views)

Siobhian Brown MSP

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 11:19

To: Brown S (Siobhian), MSP < Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot>

Cc: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Subject: FW: Rape Sentences

s.30(b)(i) (Free and frank exchange of views)

This is what she is referring to: Fury as man, 21, who raped 13-year-old in park

walks free as he is 'too young' to be sent to prison | Daily Mail Online

Is this one for your Ministerial team?

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 11:14

To: Brown S (Siobhian), MSP <Siobhian.Brown.MSP@Parliament.scot>

Subject: Rape Sentences

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Dear Siobhan

I am writing to you this morning to ask how it is possible that a man convicted of the rape of a child aged 13 was not given a custodial sentence for his crime.

I can only imagine the devastating effect of the rape on that child and for the punishment to be so lenient seems to make the feelings of the victim to be completely diminished and disregarded.

I would ask that you raise this matter on my behalf with the Justice Department. I am concerned that the message to sexual predators and offenders in Scotland is that it's ok to abuse - as long as you are under 25 years of age.

Thank you

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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Sent: 04 April 2023 09:29

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Court case

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:13

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Court case

Dear

First minister, I'm writing in utter disbelief at the sentence for a sec a track on a young girl. To be given a community pay back is disgusting and trying to make it normal so he was 17 and he's 21 now, so that allowed, is it? So now every sex offender age 17 will think this is normal?

Do you believe this is normal?

I don't

Thank for reading

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:28

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: BBC News: Community sentence for teenage rapist 'extraordinary'

OR please - AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:14

To: MSP Yousaf H <humza.yousaf.msp@parliament.scot>; First Minister

<firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: BBC News: Community sentence for teenage rapist 'extraordinary'

Mr Yousaf

This appears to be another case where the Scottish Government enacted laws have failed to protect the victim of a serious crime and indeed, failed to protect wider society.

This man has been convicted of rape yet under SNP laws, he will not serve a custodial sentence. That is utterly bizarre.

Why do you support this policy?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-65173054

Sent from my iPad

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:20

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: The rapist who got community service

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 23:26

To: First Minister < firstminister@gov.scot > **Subject:** The rapist who got community service

Rape is a heinous crime that destroys a girls confidence, self worth, self belief and worthiness. Its a traumatic event that plaques the victim for the rest of their life. Its not just the horrific physical injuries as there are many psychological injuries too. So giving a rapist a community sentence is a kick in the teeth to the victim and all rape victims because it is trivialising rape. The rapist is under 25 but the victim was under 16. Rapists and murders need to be sentenced with the victims rights paramount. Please investigate and remedy this or girl's will no longer be safe to go to parks or walk the street safely.

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:20

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Sean Hogg / community service for raping 13 year old!

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 08:35

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Sean Hogg / community service for raping 13 year old!

Dear First Minister,

I felt compelled to write to you regards the community service imposed on the man Sean Hogg for the rape of a 13 year old child. I am absolutely sickened by this leniency imposed here , that poor child will suffer the consequences of his actions for the rest of her life and more than likely lead to mental health issues for her in her future and have an impact on any relationships she may have in the future , there has been no justice served for this crime . [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Please can you give this case your attention.

Kind Regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent via BT Email App

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:18

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Rape of 13 year old

OR please AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 22:40

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Rape of 13 year old

I want to express my absolute horror of reading the sentencing of a grown 17 year old adult against a 13 year old child.

This is not justifiable on any level and I find it disturbing that this policy has been sanctioned by your party and government.

I welcome any response from you on your plans to intervene in this issue.

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:08

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Disgusting sentence

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 21:48

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Disgusting sentence

I find the it is absolutely shocking Sean hogg gets off that easy even if he was 17 we re talking about a girl aged 13 should be gripping these judges for handing out such a sentence I would be questioning that judge for such a diabolical sentence

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 04 April 2023 09:03

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: 13 year old girl

OR please - AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 19:33

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: 13 year old girl

Good afternoon,

After reading the stv news tonight regarding the 13 year old girl, so much for victim lead approach? Who cares about his rehabilitation, a poor 13 year old girl has to live with this for the rest of her life?? who was raped by a 17 year old boy who clearly knows what he is doing! This is absolutely shocking!!!! What message is this sending out? Youngsters can go about raping young girls??? I do not think so, you need to do something about this now!

Disgusting!

The judge needs investigated if he this is acceptable????????

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet

Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs

Sent: 04 April 2023 08:32

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Justice for Rape victims in Scotland

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO – [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela.Constance.msp@parliament.scot >

Sent: 04 April 2023 08:27

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Fw: Justice for Rape victims in Scotland

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 19:56

To: Constance A (Angela), MSP < Angela. Constance.msp@parliament.scot>

Subject: Justice for Rape victims in Scotland

Dear Ms Constance,

It was reported in the Scottish media today that Sean Hogg was found guilty of raping a 13yr old girl. The judge gave a community payback order of 270 hours of unpaid community work. This is unbelievable! This man is a rapist and should have

been jailed.

I urge you to ensure that Scotland's policies regarding rapists mean that prison is the punishment for such a heinous crime. This 13 year old girl has not received justice in Scotland. She must have shown immense courage to enable this case to be taken to court. You must act to ensure that she receives the justice she deserves.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 04 April 2023 08:13

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Lord Lake Sentencing Of Sean Hogg

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 15:56

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Lord Lake Sentencing Of Sean Hogg

Ms Constance,

I am not sure if you are aware of the above, but Sean Hogg has been sentenced to a community payback order for the rape of a thirteen year old child.

This is the most unjustly thing I have seen in a Scottish court. Furthermore, Donald Findlay I'd going to appeal even this paltry sentence.

Having looked at the sentencing guidelines, I note they they vary from community payback order to some years in prison (nine or ten, I believe).

It is my opinion as well hundreds upon hundreds to people in Scotland who read an article published on Facebook by STV this morning, that this sentence is ridiculously

lenient and, I'd go as far as to say it makes a mockery of the justice system. Something needs to be done about this.

I understand that a few people have petitioned Mr Yousaf via email today, as well as myself and I am now bringing this to your attention and ask what can be done about it?

I look forward to hearing from you soonest.

Regards,

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary

for Justice & Home Affairs Sent: 04 April 2023 08:11

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Judge Lord Lake

Morning

One for micase as an OR please. AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Thanks

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 16:17

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs < CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Subject: Judge Lord Lake

I was disgusted to read today that a convicted rapist was allowed to walk free from court with a community payback order as the judge stated that prison would not contribute to his rehabilitation. What about the victim? Does she not matter? Is it any wonder that most sexual assault victims never report the crime. Not only is he free to walk the streets he also wants to appeal his sentence. [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 16:57

To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>

Subject: Appeal of decision on Sean Hogg

OR - AO Ronnie Fraser

Dear Right Honerable Dorothy Bain KC,

I am writing to you, to request that the sentence given to Sean Hogg at the Glasgow Hogh Court is reviewed.

Sean Hogg was found guilty of raping a 13 year old female in a public park. The perpetrator was given a community payback order and not a custodial sentence. He has been ordered to undertake just 270 hours of unpaid work.

Given the serious nature of the crimes and where the crimes took place I would argue that only a custodial sentence is adequate for the protection of the wider public.

According to news reports, Court papers state Hogg carried out assaults at Dalkeith Country Park on various occasions between March and June 2018.

Kind regards,

Sent: 03 April 2023 16:47

To: Public Engagement Unit <CorrespondenceUnit@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Re

OR please – AO [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

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From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 03 April 2023 15:48

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>

Subject: Re

May I start off by congratulating you on your role as First Minister.

I am e mailing you with regards to the recent court case of Sean Hogg who was found guilty of raping a 13 year old girl in a park in Midlothian. This man received a pay back order how can someone who raped a child not be given a jail term. Basically he has been given a slap on the wrist. He is obviously a danger to children and walks free to hopefully not but to do it again.

I am absolutely shocked and saddened to read this.

This 13 year old her life will never be the same again.

I await your reply

Regards

[redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [redacted s38(1)(b)(personal information)]

Sent: 04 April 2023 20:27

To: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Subject:

Hi. I am writing to complain about the 21yr old man getting away with the rape of the 13 year old girl. How on earth can this be allowed to happen? It is a totally disgrace. What message does that send out? It's OK to rape children. Girls and women don't matter in Scotland they are fair game and you do what you like the government in Scotland don't care.. what kind of society does not protect vulnerable children.. And as for the excuse a man's brain isn't formed till he's 25.. they can marry at 16 and bring up a family. Join the forces risking their lifes..Drink alcohol at 18.Vote ..snp even lowered the age to vote for independence. So if they can do all that . They can be responsible for there actions .it was reported on the news that poor girl was raped several times and forced to do indecent acts..then she was brave enough to go to the police then court. Then he walks gets to walk out of court showing no remorse whatsoever. That child has to live what he done to her which will scar her forever. And what about her mother and family. The government and the courts have a duty to protect our children.. I have known several women who have been raped I have had clients in their 90s telling me it happened to them when they were younger and no one would go to court for the shame of it. That poor child went through all that and he walks away. Something has to change. NOW.. violence against women is on the increase no wonder when they get away with it.