

More jail time for mother complicit in daughter's sexual assault

A mother who knowingly allowed her partner to rape her daughter has had her jail sentence increased by the Court of Appeal after intervention by the Solicitor General, Lucy Frazer QC MP.

50 year old Mary-Louisa Andrews' partner Anoyke Andrews sexually abused the victim from the age of 10 until 16. Mary-Louisa Andrews was aware of the abuse that took place in the family home, although it's unclear when she became aware of Anoyke's actions.

During the 7 years that Anoyke Andrews sexually abused the victim, she fell pregnant twice, both of which she terminated.

In May this year, Mary-Louisa Andrews was sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment for cruelty to a person under 16 years at Aylesbury Crown Court. This sentence was referred to the Court of Appeal by the Solicitor General as being unduly lenient. Today it was increased to 5 years.

Following the announcement of the decision the Solicitor General said:

"Mary-Louisa Andrews' daughter was subjected to a campaign of sexual abuse in her own family home. A mother should be there to protect their child and in this instance this unfortunately was not the case. I hope that the Court of Appeal's decision today gives some closure to the victim, that justice has been done."