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A Tragic Case Study of Deaf and Dumb Rape Victim Girl

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ABSTRACT: A twenty-four years old Deaf and Dumb girl was trapped in sexual assault by a young man twenty-five years old in the same village. On examination, positive signs of penile penetration into the vagina and fingernail scrapings were found brush and congestion was seen in Labia Majora and Labia Minora. A high Vaginal swab was taken for Detection of spermatozoa. The high vaginal examination was negative as it was late for about three days.

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INTRODUCTION

Rape is a type of sexual assault usually involving sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual penetration carried out against a person without that person's consent. The act may be carried out by physical force, coercion, abuse of authority, or against a person who is incapable of giving valid consent,

such as one who is unconscious, incapacitated, has an intellectual disability or is below the legal age of consent.¹⁻³ The term rape is sometimes used interchangeably with the term sexual assault.⁴ The WHO report describes the consequences of sexual abuse are Gynecological Disorders, Reproductive disorders, sexual disorders, and pelvic Inflammatory diseases.



Figure 1: Depiction of Rape (Source: Wikipedia)

Deaf and Dumb

Deaf-Dumb is a term which was used historically to identify a person who was either deaf using sign language or both deaf and could not speak. The term continues to be used to refer to deaf people

who cannot speak an oral language or have some degree of speaking ability but choose not to speak because of the negative or unwanted attention atypical voices sometimes attract. Such people communicate using sign language.⁵



Figure 2: Deaf and Mute Girl Describes Her Rape Using a Barbie Doll (Source: Wikipedia)

Some consider it to be a derogatory term if used outside its historical context; the preferred term today is simply "deaf".⁶ Deaf women are twice as likely as hearing women to experience domestic abuse. A disability, such as deafness, makes victims more vulnerable to abuse, and the same disability leaves them more vulnerable to not ever being able to escape it.

CASE REPORT

Twenty-four years of old female girl came to the Forensic Medicine Department of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College with an investigation officer requisition with an alleged case of rape. The name of the victim was Most. Bobita, Daughter of Md. Hasan Ali, lived in Kodomtoli, Taiurpara, Gabtoly, Bogura. History reveals that the victim was staying in her residence alone on 21.03.17 at 11:00 AM. At that time a young boy of 25 years old who lived near her residence came with some chocolate and some other food of. At that time there was nobody in the house. The young boy who knew the alleged girl, called the victim into the bedroom of her parents. Television started and gave the victim some chocolate and biscuits. Boy after some time, asked the girl to open her pants, The victim did not realize the facts and did not understand what was happening then. After that, the boy opened her cloth and tried to penetrate his penis into her vagina, so that the victim got severe pain with bleeding. Her mother, along with other people, handed the assailant to the police at the nearby police station. Her mother filed a sexual assault case against the alleged man. Case number 27, Gabtoly Model Thana, Date 28.03.17. After the police recording, the police came to the forensic medicine department for examination. After obtaining informed consent from her guardian, the examination was started in the examination room in the presence of a female attendant Most. Rahima, aya at 1.00 on 29.03.17 and found the following findings. The victim was very much shocked by behaviour as she did not know what was happening to her. On examination in proper daylight, vulva was found congested with severe abrasion and bruise and also found Tear. Hymen was ruptured because it was a very forceful rape. The vaginal canal was dilated with congestion. signs of struggle were detected. The high vaginal swab was collected and sent for pathological examination for detection of spermatozoa. H.V.S report was analyzed and revealed that no spermatozoa was detected as it was too late, as she

washed her genitalia several times with water. Finally, it was decided with the above findings that the alleged victim was trapped in sexual assault and reported as a positive sexual assault case.

DISCUSSION

The word rape is unlawful sexual intercourse, and it is punishable under existing law in our country. In 1998, the international criminal Tribunal for Rwanda established by the United Nations made a landmark decision that rape is a crime of genocide under international law. Regarding rape, we want to send out a strong message that rape is no longer a trophy of anything.^{7,8} In this case, the victim is merely twenty-four years old. As she is Deaf and Dumb and has no speech and resistance, she is unable to offer resistance over the assailant. She has no clear idea about this event and how to resist. She also did not understand what was happening to her. Vulva was found congested with severe abrasion and bruise and also found Tear. Hymen was ruptured because it was a very forceful rape. The vaginal canal was dilated with congestion. There are some abrasions in both thighs. It is an unusual crime, and it is punishable under law.

CONCLUSION

The victim is an innocent Deaf and Dumb girl, and she has no idea about the sexual act. The young boy, 25 years old, was an adult one and perhaps suffering from perversion. This type of crime must be prevented by law in our country. The government should take an active part in these regards along with the police administration. The government should pay special attention to Deaf and Dumb Victims and their rehabilitation.

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