

The Story of Brian and Janice Docherty

Or how telling the truth about the powerful
can lead to the destruction of your family



Imagine if you will a nice middle-class, well-educated couple, say a school teacher and his wife. Imagine they have four children, the focus for their love and hope for the future. Imagine one child is disabled with speech and language difficulties resulting from autism. Imagine they move to a quiet rural location in Aberdeenshire for the benefit of that boy so he can be in an environment most conducive to his thriving.

Get the picture?

Now imagine a neighbour offers this couple £25,000 for access to their disabled son. It is quite clear "access" means sexual access. What should they do? What would YOU do?

Tell the police, right?

What if your rich and powerful landlord instructs you not to report the matter to the police when you warned him (he has kids too). He tells you that if the authorities are involved it will be your kids who are taken by social services. He says there are paedophiles in the police and clergy too. Then what would you do?

Stay quiet and hope your children are safe?

Run and leave the problem for the next unsuspecting family who rent the house?

Or report the matter to the authorities?

The right thing, we are told, is to alert the authorities. That is what the Dochertys did. Want to know how dirty our country is?; how evil has control at the highest levels?

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For Brian and Janice, reporting the matter led to a police investigation lasting a mere 24 hours followed by a concerted attempt by the investigating officer to get them to withdraw their report.

As predicted by their Viscount landlord, social services then immediately latched on to the Dochertys family. It was their children who were now the focus of the state's attention; not the alleged paedophile or his friends.

Outside the house there were nocturnal visits from unknown characters, rigging of glass in the greenhouse to fall when a child recovered a toy placed there. There was also excavation on the nearby estate; but only by night.

Within a month the Dochertys decided to take a holiday, somewhere their children would be safe (Ireland in this case), and to write to the Scottish authorities for help. Going right to the top – including Nicola Sturgeon.

Within a week the Garda had tracked them down, wanting to check on the children. They claimed INTERPOL had sent them as a priority case. INTERPOL have no record of the Dochertys.

Soon they were being followed in Ireland. Unlike in films, those following them often made no attempt at concealment. The more the Dochertys appealed for help, the more the pressure mounted. Break-ins, assaults on pets, damage to vehicles, surveillance.

Then the children were seized by the Irish authorities, led by a Scot, Gordon Jeyes, the man responsible for the Primary School at Dunblane at the time of the massacre. Why were they seized? It appears the evidence comprised a file of accusations from Scotland and a series of Police Scotland statements to the effect that to accuse someone of being a paedophile is evidence of being "delusional".

The case was thrown out and the children returned. But the pressure, the surveillance and the official scrutiny of their family continued. The suggestion was that the Dochertys were mentally ill. A full psychiatric assessment was arranged by the couple, using an independent psychiatrist. His report raised no concerns, describing "resilient" and "dynamic" mental health. The Irish state, however, did not listen or care.

Months pass; and one day thirteen caring professionals storm the Dochertys' house. Five social workers, eight Garda officers, four of them armed. In a scene reminiscent of a nightmare, or an Orwellian fiction, the four children, the youngest just 18 months, are violently seized. They remain in the custody of the Irish state to this day. They have no contact with their parents.

Why were the children seized; why have they spent nearly a year away from their parents?

What accusation has been made against the Dochertys? We do not know and neither do they.

Why is legal aid denied? Why does Nicola Sturgeon do nothing? What is going on?