

## GEORGE

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George is sixty two years old. He is a man of excellent character and good report. He has been happily married for forty years and has children and grandchildren who all adore him.

He trained as a psychologist and was noted for his many outstanding characteristics. He was gentle, hated violence of all kinds (he could not even watch violence on television) and he had amazing insight.

For the last fourteen years he was running a rehabilitation centre for sex offenders and with success. Because of the nature of his work, he will not see anyone without another person present. In fact, he has been criticised for being over-cautious.

He gives regularly to children's charities and is very outspoken on the subject of child abuse.

In March of this year, he was sitting by a public swimming pool reading a book. Suddenly, he noticed a little girl in the pool who was obviously in difficulty and no one was helping her or taking notice of the peril she was in. George dived in and rescued her and there is no doubt that he saved her life. The local newspaper claimed him as a hero and rightly so. But he was typically modest and said nothing.

In September of that same year, George was sitting on a chair by a public swimming pool engrossed in a book. His wife would say, "When he has his nose in a book you can't get him out of it. The house could catch fire or I could fall down the stairs but George would still be reading his book!"

Suddenly, George was startled by a little girl who jumped on him and sat on his lap. It was the girl whose life he saved six months ago. She kissed him. George was distressed. He had not seen her running towards him and was embarrassed. His embarrassment was interpreted as guilt.

The police were called. George was arrested for impropriety and child abuse. Although many came forward as witnesses and said that this was a spontaneous action by the little girl, George was found guilty of child abuse and sentenced to five year in prison where he now is.

He had done nothing wrong!

He has tried any sorts of appeals but without success. His career is over. Mud sticks. This lovely man will now be known as a pervert for the rest of his life.

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