

# Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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## **Abuse and Neglect:**

Sexual Assault: 2, 3, 6, 9, 14, 17, 19, 27, 29, 47, 50, 52, 56

Physical Abuse: 1, 6, 12, 22, 24 (hit & run), 29, 31, 51

Emotional/Verbal: 6, 12, 22, 54

Exploitation: 32, 33

Financial abuse: 10, 53

Human Trafficking: 12

Kept Enclosed/Restraint: 5, 8, 12, 18

Murder: 13, 28, 29, 47, 51, 55

Neglected: 15, 16, 20, 22, 30

Related to special education: 5, 7, 17, 21, 25

Social Media Abuse: 21

***WINNER of most egregious award:*** 12: Perpetrator shot victim with BB gun: “because she was disabled.”; 18: Immigrants with disabilities are being kept in solitary confinement by ICE; 27: Man gets no prison after he says “sorry” for sexual assault (Nora says “bad judge.”)

**WINNER of “good job” award:** None this week.

**WHO DUN IT** (listed by article number):

Family: 28, 31, 50, 52

Couple: 56

Carer: 1, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27, 51, 54

In-home health care worker: 13

Stranger: 8, 9

Special education employee: 5, 7; school janitor: 17

Group home counselor: 1, 3, 15

Nurse: 2, 20

Institution for children: 54, 55

Skilled Nursing Facility: 16, 20, 51

University Professor: 19

Men: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 12, 13, 14, 19, 22, 24, 27, 32, 33, 47, 50, 53

Women: 8, 10, 12, 13, 20, 28, 30, 31, 47

**Good News:** 34: Call to change federal rules to eliminate conflict of interest; 35: Individuals with mental illness no longer will be sentenced to death penalty; 36: OR legislature seeks ways to provide help to people with mental illness before arresting them; 38: Impact upon people with disabilities due to forced displacement increases their vulnerability; 41: Protest in DC sheds light on the lack of access to community based resources; 58: more jobs now are available to people with disabilities.

**Bad News:** 23: Texas nursing homes worst in the country, per reporter; 25: Report shows TX illegally denied special education to “tens of thousands” of students; 26: “The gall!!” Insurance agency complains that injured family are stifling the company’s free speech!; 29: Ongoing multiple types of abuse continue at large residential facility; 44: Adult Abuse Hotlines answered one half of calls for help, survey shows.

## **ABUSE & NEGLECT**

1. “Police: Caretaker Punches, Kicks Teen at Mesa Group Home” - On May 13 Mesa police arrested 61-year-old Anthony Kojo Adusie at his home near University Drive and Ellsworth Road. Police say two staff members saw Adusie punch and kick a 14-year-old client at a Mesa group home, where he has worked for the past seven months. – ABC 15 Arizona – May 20, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/0yGca7>

2. “Ex-Nurse Accused of Raping Patient Appeals HIV Testing Order” - A former nurse charged with sexually assaulting an incapacitated woman who later gave birth at a Phoenix long-term care facility has appealed a court order requiring a test to determine if he has HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases. A lawyer for Nathan Sutherland says in an appeal filed last week that a lower-court order should be overturned because there is no evidence to suggest his client has a sexually transmitted disease. – KIRO 7 – May 20, 2019 – (Arizona) - <https://is.gd/k2L7iE>
  
3. “New Details in Arrest of a Gilbert Man Who Allegedly Abused a Developmentally Disabled Woman” - The victim lives in a group home but attends a day treatment program at another facility. She told a staff member at the day program center that she was touched inappropriately by Abram J. Grace, police say. She allegedly told investigators that, "she felt sad and confused." – ABC 15 – May 22, 2019 – (Arizona)- <https://is.gd/xMb8Od>
  
4. “EPD: Homeless Survey Finds Large Portion in Eureka Suffering from Substance Abuse” - The Eureka Police Department conducted a survey asking 190 homeless a series of questions that they hope will gain insight into the demographics of the unsheltered population. – KRCR – May 18, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/qmuF7n>
  
5. “Lawsuit Challenges Use Of Restraint, Seclusion In California Special Education School” - Four special education students and their parents or guardians filed a lawsuit last week against the state of California claiming they were emotionally and physically harmed when they were illegally put in restraint holds and secluded during behavioral interventions at their Concord school. – Ed Source – May 20, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/JShfgp>
  
6. “It Was Created as A Refuge for Needy Kids. Instead, They Were Raped and Drugged” - “It was horrifying,” said Robinson, now an English professor at Claflin University. “I started sleeping with a pair of scissors under my pillow and did everything within my power to avoid instances of sexual abuse.” – The Washington Post – May 18, 2019 – (D.C.) - <https://is.gd/vAQPBV>

7. “Recording Device On 5-Year-Old’s Backpack Catches Teachers Swearing at Autistic Kindergartners, Parents Say” - When other parents, the Adars, heard their son curse at home, they sent him to school with a recording device attached to his backpack. – Sun Sentinel – May 20, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/lwPuFz>
  
8. “Jacksonville Man, Woman Accused Of Locking Disabled Man In Shed” - Joyce Cobb, 44, and Robert Stevenson, 33, were both arrested on charges of abuse of disabled adult without causing great bodily harm and willfully tortures, maliciously punishes, or willfully and unlawfully cages an elderly person or disabled adult, according to Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office arrest reports. – CBS 47 Action News – May 22, 2019 – (Florida)- <https://is.gd/BFa3gJ>
  
9. “Man, 62, Wanted for Rape and Exploitation of a Disabled Person in Augusta” - The Richmond County Sheriff’s Office is looking for a man they say somehow abused a disabled person. Elbert Butler, 62, is wanted for Rape and Exploitation of a Disabled Adult in an incident that happened Tuesday, May 21st. – WRDW – May 22, 2019 – (Georgia)- <https://is.gd/8b0Zad>
  
10. “South Barrington Woman Charged with Financially Exploiting a Senior Citizen: Police” - Christine J. Friedman, 63, of the first block of Bryce Court, South Barrington, was charged May 9 with financial exploitation of the elderly at Bryce Court, South Barrington. -Chicago Tribune – (May 23, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/VrZ3Wp>
  
11. “Nonprofits Sue State Over Illinois Group Home Oversight Plan” - The (Springfield) State Journal-Register reports Wednesday that the groups filed their lawsuit in Springfield federal court, requesting a preliminary injunction against the Illinois Department of Human Services. The lawsuit claims that the new case management and service coordination plan for Medicaid

recipients violates federal law. – The News Tribune – May 22, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/OZdHZU>

12. “Guilty Pleas in Caging, Beating, Abuse of Autistic Woman” - Terry Knope II and Raylaine Knope pleaded guilty Monday in New Orleans to charges including forced labor conspiracy. Terry Knope II also pleaded guilty to a hate crime charge. Court documents say he shot the victim with a BB gun because she was disabled. – WAFB 9- May 20, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/48zmET>

13. “Autistic Terrytown Man Beaten to Death by Home Healthcare Worker, Family Says” - After Rohn Jaeson Brinker’s death, deputies arrested and booked his caregiver, Terrell Nix with second-degree murder. They also arrested Nix’s mother, Denise, and booked her with obstruction of justice. Denise Nix was re-arrested Friday on manslaughter charges, court records show. – Fox 8 Live – May 24, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/682mPA>

14. “Akeeley Blade Accused of Sexually Assaulting Disabled Inmate” - Between Nov. 1 and Dec. 21, 2018, Blade is accused of sexually assaulting a fellow inmate confined to a wheelchair, according to a probable cause affidavit filed in the case. – Town Talk – May 20, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/wPQCqM>

15. “After Client Wandered Off, Clear Lake Home Care Provider Cited For Neglect” - During interviews, staff members stated that, although they checked on the client every hour, staff members would discover the client at the end of the driveway 10 minutes after the hourly checks," according to the report. – SC Times – May 21, 2019 – (Minnesota)- <https://is.gd/xmtjWN>

16. “Columbia Family Claims Poor Treatment at Nursing Home” - An ABC 17 News review of Department of Health and Senior Services records shows that Parkside Manor received the most complaints of any skilled nursing

facility in Boone County since 2014. – KMIZ – May 21, 2019 – (Missouri)-  
<https://is.gd/lvmrqm>

17. “N.H. Supreme Court Upholds Ex-Community Pines Janitor Conviction” - Robert Magoon, of Tilton, was ultimately convicted on four out of six charges after jurors heard from six different girls who said Magoon sexually assaulted them between August 2012 and May 2016 during the Northfield community center’s before- and after-school programs.- Concord Monitor – May 21, 2019 – (New Hampshire)- <https://is.gd/MNjxhf>

18. “Immigrants Are Being Put In ICE Solitary For Being Disabled, LGBTQ - Thousands of immigrants detained at the U.S. border are being kept in solitary confinement, many simply because they are LGBTQ or disabled, according to a new report by [NBC News](#). An investigative report suggests that widespread use of solitary isolation for individuals detained for their own “safety” and living under harsh and oppressive rules usually applied only to dangerous criminals. – Advocate – May 22, 2019 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/YWNwrf>

19. “2 Decades Of Abuse, 177 Victims, No Action” - A former physician, now dead, at [Ohio State University](#) sexually abused at least 177 male students, likely more, during his two decades at the institution and faced no consequences until he was briefly suspended and then retired with an honorary title. – Inside Higher Ed – May 20, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/Fd2opC>

20. “Nursing Home Employee Caught On Video Abusing Patient Is Released Early” - Virgen Caraballo, now 53, pleaded guilty to seven counts of gross patient abuse in 2011 and was sentenced to 10 years behind bars. As part of her early release, she was ordered into a rehab program and cannot have contact with any elderly. – Fox 8 Cleveland – May 20, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/V2RVyK>

21. “Police Investigating After Father of 12-Year-Old with Special Needs Claims Daughter Was Cyberbullied” - Allen Relthford said what started as a seemingly innocent chat on social media transformed into cyberbullying. Relthford’s daughter Natalie, 12, has cerebral palsy, epilepsy and several mental disabilities. He said his daughter does not socialize and communicate like other children her age. – Fox 19 – May 20, 2019 – (Ohio)- <https://is.gd/HEiQKS>
  
22. “Tulsa County Fugitive Arrested in Tennessee” - Police say, Curtis Cochran, 38, is wanted in Tulsa County for 2 counts of child neglect and child abuse, abuse by a caretaker, pointing a firearm, and possession of a controlled drug. Prosecutors charged Cochran and another woman last year with abuse, accused them of tasing three children under the age of 9, and pointing a rifle at the face of a mentally disabled woman. – News on 6 – May 18, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/YI6duw>
  
23. “Channel 2 Investigates Texas Nursing Home Violations” - Texas nursing homes are among the worst in the country when it comes to caring for our vulnerable elderly and disabled loved ones. A new law meant to punish the repeat offenders took effect in 2017. Consumer expert Amy Davis is following up to find out if stiffer financial penalties are making a difference. – Click 2 Houston – May 19, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/0kkXbp>
  
24. “Man, 70, Charged in Alleged Hit-And-Run Involving Deaf Woman On a Scooter” - The driver, identified as Jerrell Bennett, 70, stated he had been involved in a collision on MLK Jr. Boulevard after Chicon Street. Police said he reported that, out of nowhere, he believed someone ran out into the street. – KVUE – May 19, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/irQHnY>
  
25. “Special Education Advocates Hoped for More from 2019 Texas Legislature” - But advocates for the nearly 532,000 public school students

with disabilities characterize those changes as incremental. Students and their parents may hardly notice the difference, they say. Meanwhile, three years after a Houston Chronicle investigation shined a spotlight on how Texas schools illegally [denied special education services](https://is.gd/YevpQ7) to tens of thousands of students, the federal government continues to pressure Texas to address deficiencies in special education funding, and inequities in who is allowed to receive the services. – Houston Chronicle – May 20, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/YevpQ7>

26. “Texas Insurance Giant Tells Judges Brain-Damaged Baby And Mom Are Stifling Company's Free Speech” - After the tragic case of D'ashon Morris was exposed in a [Dallas Morning News investigation](https://is.gd/1Wb7is) last year, Linda Badawo, his adoptive mother, sued that insurance company. Now, in an effort to kill that lawsuit, Superior HealthPlan's lawyers are arguing the Badawo family is essentially suing to bully the multi-billion-dollar company and "chill" its right to free speech. – Dallas News – May 22, 2019 – (Texas)- <https://is.gd/1Wb7is>

27. “North Logan Man Sentenced to Jail for Sexually Abusing Disabled Woman” - A 34-year-old North Logan man avoided a prison sentence for sexually abusing a mentally handicapped woman, after he told the court he felt really bad for what he did. David Sagoe said he took full responsibility for his actions, knowing that he messed up. – Cache Valley Daily – May 22, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/bAT0OG>

28. “Mother Who Killed Her Disabled Son, 13, By Pouring VODKA Into His Feeding Tube To Keep Him Quiet Loses Her Appeal Over Manslaughter Conviction” - Robitille had appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court, arguing that the state produced insufficient evidence to support that she delivered the fatal dose of alcohol, among other factors. The Vermont Supreme Court on Friday disagreed. – Daily Mail – Mail 17, 2019 – (Vermont) - <https://is.gd/63pmZq>

29. “New Report Slams Institution for Disabled in Pierce County” - A federally-funded advocacy group issued a report that found, despite repeated warnings, the Rainier School in Buckley continues to keep residents at risk. – King 5 News – May 21, 2019 – (Washington)- <https://is.gd/OSysNy>
30. “Negligence Charge Dismissed Against Howard Woman Who Left Man With Down Syndrome On Bus” - Kayla C. Murphy, 24, was driving a Paragon Community Services bus on July 26, 2018, when she parked it, used a mirror at the front of the bus to see that no one was still on board and left without noticing the man. Murphy was supposed to drop the man off at his home. She was originally charged with recklessly subjecting an individual at risk to abuse. – Green Bay Press Gazette – May 22, 2019 – (Wisconsin)- <https://is.gd/ZsuIRH>
31. “Woman Charged with Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult” - Meranda Lovato was arraigned on the charges filed following events that allegedly occurred March 6-7 of this year. The argument allegedly progressed to a physical confrontation, during which Lovato allegedly dragged Sattley by the hair, kicked and pushed her, threw boiling water on her and poured some type of cleaning chemical on her. – Uinta County Herald – May 28, 2019 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/GAB43J>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

32. “Riverside Judge Removes Disabled Man’s Husband As Legal Guardian, Citing Abusive Behavior” - This highly unusual case raises profoundly uncomfortable issues, pitting two fundamental rights squarely against one another: the hard-won right for the disabled to marry and have sex lives, just like everyone else, and their right to be protected from abuse and undue influence. The nettlesome issues were probed in a [three-part series by the Southern California News Group](#) in 2017. – The Orange County Register – May 17, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/7s1nud>

33. “Judge Decides Highly Unusual Guardianship Case” - Morris, 25, has the intellectual ability of a young child. He married Spicer, a man of regular intelligence 18 years his senior, in 2014, in a ceremony that Morris mistook for a baptism. His biological family, which lives in Orange County, feared he was the victim of sexual abuse and began fighting to oust Spicer as legal guardian in 2016. – Disability Scoop – May 24, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/AjiFIc>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

34. “Sununu Calls for Change to Federal Medicaid Rules On Disability Services”- The rule is designed to eliminate conflicts of interest. It requires that agencies which provide case management and direct services for people with developmental disabilities cannot provide both to the same people – NHPR – May 20, 2019 – (New Hampshire) - <https://is.gd/l2K2TC>

35. “Spare Mentally Ill From Death Penalty, Ohio Lawmakers Urge” - A bill now in Ohio’s Legislature would prevent people convicted of aggravated murder from being sentenced to the death penalty, if they are found to have had a “serious mental illness” at the time of the offense. Republican Rep. Brett Hudson Hillyer, a primary sponsor of House Bill 136, testified last month before the House Criminal Justice Committee that the death penalty should be reserved for only the worst offenders. – The Vindicator – May 20, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/Dq699Q>

36. “Oregon Considers Changing the Way Mentally Ill People Are Committed” - Senate Bill 763 came out of a task force put together by Wolke. He hopes the bill will mean more people get help sooner, instead of descending into crisis and only getting help after they’ve been arrested. – OPB – May 20, 2019 – (Oregon)- <https://is.gd/zbXh5g>

37. “U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb’s Bill Addressing Vets’ Mental Health Passes House” - The Whole Veteran Act, [introduced in April](#) by Lamb, D-17,

Mount Lebanon, along with U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, and co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Bucks County, would require the Veterans Administration to provide Congress with information on its Whole Health Program. – The Times – May 24, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/MOugSN>

## **STUDIES & STATISTICS**

38. “Working with Persons with Disabilities in Forced Displacement – 2019” - In situations of forced displacement, persons with disabilities have the same rights and basic needs as others and face the same challenges as other individuals. They also face particular protection risks such as heightened risk of violence, exploitation and abuse, as well as high levels of stigma. Further, persons with disabilities face numerous barriers to accessing humanitarian assistance, education, livelihoods, health care and other services; may be denied certain legal rights, such as the right to a nationality, and are often excluded from decision-making processes and leadership opportunities.- Relief Web - May 20, 2019 – UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency – May 20, 2019 – (International) - <https://is.gd/SbyhgO>
  
39. “One in 10 Have Witnessed Abuse of Vulnerable Adult – Research” - One in 10 Irish people have witnessed a vulnerable adult being abused in the last year, research has indicated. A study commissioned by Safeguarding Ireland found that 10% of Irish adults have witnessed an incident of abuse. – ITV- May 20, 2019 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/GwvOHu>
  
40. “Autistic People with Intellectual Disability Often Excluded in Studies” - About half of all people with autism also have intellectual disability. But a great deal of autism research is drawn almost exclusively from participants without intellectual disability, as my colleagues and I reported earlier this year – Spectrum News – May 21, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/SMcExO>

## **IMPROVED SUPPORTS**

41. “80 Arrested in Nation’s Capital at Disability Rights Protest” - Dozens of disability rights activists — including some in wheelchairs — were arrested near Capitol Hill while pressing for more access to community-based services. U.S. Capitol Police arrested 80 people who were demonstrating Monday morning outside the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. – Disability Scoop – May 21, 2019 – (D.C.) - <https://is.gd/RsbfBI>
  
42. “New Program Works to Fight Elder Abuse in West Michigan Counties” - The Branch County Sheriff’s Office announced the area’s Elder Abuse Victim Specialist. Josh Englehart, the specialist, was chosen to work in the area on behalf of the Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging IIIC. Englehart was assigned to serve as part of a recently launched program called the Services to Victims of Elder Abuse Program. – 3WWMT West Michigan – May 20, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/u4oMeq>
  
43. Elder care reform package on way to governor's desk - The bill includes [wide-ranging consumer protections](#) for people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It includes more oversight for the state's Office of Health Facility Complaints and a new licensing system for assisted living facilities. There are also new regulations and a task force to improve safety and quality of care in long-term care facilities. – MPR – May 20, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/rHUfj1>
  
44. “Missouri AG To Investigate Adult Abuse Hotline Following KBIA, Missourian Investigation” - The hotline only answered about half of the 92,000 calls it received in 2018, according to previous KBIA and Missourian reporting. This year, it's even worse. Only about 39% of calls were answered from January to April. – KBIA -BBC World Service – May 22, 2019 – (Missouri)- <https://is.gd/EG9Cec>
  
45. “Grant Expands CNY After-School Program for Deaf, Hard of Hearing” - An after-school program for deaf and hard of hearing students will now

reach more children with helpful communications and life skills, thanks to a grant from the Central New Community Foundation (CNYCF). – Local SYR.com – May 21, 2019 – (New York)- <https://is.gd/gInhDQ>

46. “A New Helpline for Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Has Been Launched Today” - A NATIONAL HELPLINE for men and boys who are victims of domestic abuse has been launched today by the Waterford group Men’s Development Network. – The Journal.ie – May 29, 2019 – (Ireland)- <https://is.gd/SCzbqY>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

47. “3 Arrested for Rape, Murder of Disabled Woman in Bandarban” - The arrestees have confessed to the crimes. They are Trimothiyo Tripura, Joy Kumar Tangchanga, and John Tripura. All of them are residents of Alikadam upazila. – Dhaka Tribune – May 18, 2019 – (Bangladesh) - <https://is.gd/jRTeMH>

48. “3 Women File Lawsuit Alleging Repeated Sexual Assault by Correctional Service Guard in N.S.” - The three women involved in a lawsuit against a prison in Truro allege systemic sexual misconduct dates back years. As Jesse Thomas reports, they feel the prison didn't do a proper investigation of their allegations. – Global News - May 22, 2019 – (Canada)- <https://is.gd/lfVAZE>

49. “Disabled Deserve to Lead a Satisfying and Fulfilling Life” - The factoring of disability aspects in existing frameworks, policies and structures is key. Legal structures that touch on the Bill of Rights and the giving of special attention to Persons With Disability (PWDs) to enable them meet their needs and aspirations are stipulated in Chapter 4, Section 54 of the Constitution, the Persons With Disability-PWD Act 2003 and the Kenya Special Needs Education [SNE] policy. – Standard Digital – May 18, 2019 – Kenya - <https://is.gd/jG2Uex>

50. “Man Who Sexually Abused Former Partner's Intellectually Disabled Daughter Gets 13 Years” - The 54-year-old man, who cannot be identified to protect the victim's identity, was convicted by a Central Criminal Court jury earlier this year of rape, anal rape and sexual assault of the girl at her home on dates between April 2015 and September 2016 at a Dublin address. – Breaking News Ireland – May 20, 2019 – (Ireland)- <https://is.gd/WeYyLU>
51. “Tokyo: Ex-Nursing Home Worker Accused of Fatally Beating Resident” - From the night of April 3 until early the following morning, Tomoki Nemoto, 28, alleged beat Kihachiro Kurosawa, 82, in the abdomen inside a private room at Sunny Life Kita-Shinagawa. – Tokyo Reporter – May 22, 2019 – (Japan) - <https://is.gd/CAwEzg>
52. “News Making Headlines in South Africa” - Two suspects are due to appear in court after they were nabbed for allegedly raping two mentally challenged women. This follows two separate incidents, which occurred in the Mokwawkwaila and Namakgale policing areas, where the victims, aged 27 and 28, were raped. In the Mokwawkwaila policing area, near Bolobedu outside Tzaneen, two suspects including the victim’s grandmother were arrested after a 28-year-old woman was raped. – Chatsworth Rising Sun – May 20, 2019 – (South Africa) - <https://is.gd/F21qic>
53. “Assault leads to five-year Sentence” In the plea agreement, Gregg pleaded guilty to financial exploitation of an elderly adult, theft over \$2,500, burglary of a motor vehicle, theft over \$1,000, and being a felon in possession of a weapon. The exploitation charge involved allegations that from October 2018 until January of this year, Gregg exploited 72-year-old James David Jenkins by obtaining approximately \$25,000 in cash from him. – Citizen Tribune – May 20, 2019 – (North Carolina) - <https://is.gd/SyiIp4>
54. “Undercover Footage Shows Autistic Patients 'Tortured' In Repeat of Winterbourne View Scandal” - Sixteen staff have been suspended at Whorlton Hall hospital in County Durham after being caught goading and

swearing at patients, physically restraining them in a “dangerous” manner, as well as boasting about deliberately causing them pain. – The Telegraph – May 22, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/UjBM5a>

55. “Autistic Patients in 'Care DEATH' Scandal” - AT LEAST 45 people with autism or learning disabilities have died while waiting to be discharged from secure units over the past four years in a scandal experts describe as an "intolerable abuse of human rights". – Express – May 22, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/2rwz6e>

56. “Vile Couple Force Disabled Woman, 29, To Work as A £160-An-Hour Sex Slave in Their Shed” - Twisted Michael Welch, 40, and Misty George, 32, hired out the mentally and physically impaired woman as a prostitute to perverted punters found online. – The Sun – May 22, 2019 – (United Kingdom)- <https://is.gd/cuIXpJ>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

57. “For Millions Of Deaf Americans, Mental Health Is More Than An Awareness Issue” - May is Mental Health Awareness month and the critically important work of educating the public about mental illness continues -Thrive Global – May 20, 2019 – (Global) - <https://is.gd/eqlg6U>

58. “Many Are Replacing Disability Checks with Paychecks”- But now, for the first time in decades, the disability rolls are shrinking. More people with disabilities are returning to work and holding on to their jobs. With unemployment at a nearly 50-year low, companies are struggling to find workers. And that means people who had trouble finding a job in the past are suddenly in demand. That includes people with disabilities. – NPR – May 22, 2019 - <https://is.gd/PrLf5Q>

