

Injustice to children 'May' be acceptable

At one time the child (7) refused to go with the father, locking themselves in a car. X called the police to ask for advice as X knew they were in breach of orders to not hand over the child. The police told M to take the child home.

The father then arranged a recovery order effectively Making X guilty of absconding with the child. While X was trying to arrange a stay of orders, the police ordered X to hand over the child or the police would come & forcibly remove the child.

On assurances the child would be interviewed by a child abuse expert if taken in to the police station X arrived at the station (no promised expert) where X was told the child must go with the father. The brave child asked to speak with the police alone- telling a police man & woman that they did not want to go with the father, again disclosing details of abuse. Police told the child they had to go with the father & the child was manhandled kicking & screaming into the fathers car.

At the court hearing, the Judge said, or words to the effect- "Although we may be doing a young child an injustice, X cannot have really been concerned about the child's safety or X would not have gone to hand the child over to the father", therefore he had difficulty believing X's account of abuse.

A barrister was asked in regards to the judges 'What could M have done when court orders say if M is in breach they could go to jail?'. He replied, the law is an ass, the only thing M could do was to go to the nearest court with the child. As it was a Friday PM X would have to stay with the child in the car outside the court until it opened on Monday AM.