

Sex beast jailed for abusing girl for eight years

[Jan 24 2009](#) By Gordon McIlwraith

A SEX beast who molested a four-year-old girl on her first day of school, and carried on abusing her until she was 12, was yesterday jailed for seven-and-a-half years.

Pervert John Lamb, 60, prolonged his victim's agony by twice failing to attend court.

And he waited until the last possible moment, the morning of his trial, to finally admit his guilt.

At the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday, Lord Brodie told him: "I do not consider I would be using inappropriately emotive language to describe your conduct as selfish, wicked, cruel and very damaging."

Lamb had been sent to the High Court for sentencing after a sheriff decided that the maximum five years he could impose wasn't punishment enough.

The earlier hearing was told how the monster preyed on the girl "on a frequent basis" between 1976 and 1983.

Malcolm McLeod, prosecuting, said: "Her first recollection of the abuse was her first day at school.

"She remembers it was a beautiful day and she had her photo taken with her uniform."

But after school, he said, Lamb lured her into the bedroom of his flat in Clydebank, near Glasgow, and forced her to perform a sex act.

The girl's ordeal continued for years. Lamb, often stinking of drink, would molest her at his flat then warn her not to tell anyone what he had done.

The girl's nightmare only ended when she was 12 and she kicked Lamb as he tried to perform a sex act on her. He left her alone from then on.

He was caught after his victim, now aged 32, confided in her mother when she was 21. However, he was not brought to trial until a second victim was traced.

Lamb, now of London, also admitted a similar charge against the second girl, who was aged nine at the time.

Mr McLeod said Lamb's crimes had affected his victims' relationships with their partners and children.

John Hamilton, defending, said Lamb had displayed regret and remorse for his "deeply unpleasant and deeply reprehensible behaviour".

He added that Lamb had twice tried to commit suicide.

How the Daily Record revealed Jillian Lamb's week with Brad Pitt

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THE Daily Record told how Jillian and Brad had a week-long fling after she caught the eye of the star in 1994.

At the premiere of the Guy Ritchie movie Snatch in 2000, Brad had refused to do any interviews.

But he made an exception after hearing Record man Mark McGivern's Scottish accent, saying: "You put this story in your Daily Record."

Brad stunned our reporter by sitting him down and recounting details of his time in Glasgow. He talked of The Tunnel nightclub and told how he had home-made soup while babysitting with Jillian at her mother's house in Maryhill.

During their time together, they hung out at Danny Kane's pub, where Jillian worked, and stayed at The Marriott hotel and One Devonshire Gardens. The pair also went to a party in Drumchapel, where Brad spent most of the time on the phone to a young cancer sufferer, who was related to someone at the party.

The Glasgow adventure even formed the backbone of an in-depth profile on the star, featured in the December 1994 edition of Rolling Stone magazine. Pitt told the Record: "Jillian was a lovely girl."

Jillian said: "I was working in Danny Kane's pub in the morning and I became aware of someone looking in the window at me.

"Two guys came in and sat down and you could tell right away they were a bit different.

"Brad had asked my name from another bar worker and was shouting over at me.

He couldn't even pronounce Jillian right.

"Being honest, I didn't remotely fancy him at first. I thought he looked a bit weird."

Jillian said the penny soon dropped about the actor's identity.

Brad, who had been fending off the attention of other Glasgow beauties, told Jillian: "You're the only girl I'm interested in."

Jill said: "We hit it off and it was a roller-coaster few days. But it's not something I ever wanted to brag about.

"We had a great time when we were babysitting for my niece Emma and Brad loved my mum's soup.

"He was a lovely guy and we had a good regard for each other, I would say."

Girl who had affair with Brad Pitt was abused by dad on first day at school

[Jan 27 2009](#) By Mark McGivern

BRAVE child abuse victim Jillian Lamb has told how her father began molesting her on her first day at school. John Lamb, 60, was jailed for seven-and-a half years last week after evidence from a Daily Record reporter about Jillian's fling with Brad Pitt blew apart his defence.

Jillian remembers how the eight years of abuse began in 1975, saying: "I will never forget my first day at Kilbowie Primary School in Clydebank. I was four years old and as excited as any other wee girl would be.

"I got dressed in my school uniform and I remember I was really taken with my pair of brown shoes, which I thought were so smart.

"The sun was shining and it's a day I should be looking back on with nostalgia.

"I was bursting to tell my dad about my first day at school. When I got home, I was wearing my uniform and I heard him shouting for me to come to see him in the bedroom.

"He was in the bed with the covers on him. He took my hand and said he had a sore stomach.

"He was doing stuff I can't even repeat and said that he wanted me to comfort him.

"That was the start of it all and I didn't know it would go on for so long."

Jillian's torment finally ended last week but only after her father attempted to humiliate her.

He said that Jillian's claims of a relationship with Hollywood star Brad Pitt were false and that she was a mentally unstable fantasist.

But Record reporter Mark McGivern had interviewed Pitt, who revealed he had a week-long fling with Jillian when he visited Glasgow in 1994.

Jillian said: "My dad took it right to the wire and tried to get off on a legal technicality because the evidence was so damning. It sums him up. The only person he ever cared about was himself."

Despite Lamb's sentence, Jillian is still haunted by the grim childhood she suffered at his hands.

She said: "I can hardly remember anything else about my school days. The details have been blotted out by the bad memories of abuse.

"I was shy and introverted at school and the abuse was probably the cause of that.

"It would always be the same. He would tell me to go into his bedroom when my mum wasn't around.

"He made me really terrified to tell her or anyone else what had happened."

After battling for years to deal with the hurt her father had inflicted, Jillian went on to have three children of her own.

She said: "I've been such a protective mother with my own kids and I'm aware that I've possibly been too protective but I can't help that."

Jillian said the attacks on her became more serious as she grew older.

She said: "As the years went on his business began to fail and he started drinking more.

"He became more violent and I was more afraid of him. He made it very clear that if I didn't do what he told me he would hurt me."

Jillian told how she broke down after Lamb finally pleaded guilty at Dumbarton Sheriff Court in December last year - 33 years after his crimes began.

She said: "When the sheriff told him he was an evil old man, I was in floods of tears.

"He was always inappropriate with women and he would touch them in a way that would make everyone uncomfortable.

"He was always surrounded by sexual images and he was truly vulgar. I really don't think he regarded what he did as all that bad."

Jillian, 37, said Lamb had a video rental van and would make pirate copies in the living room of their home in Clydebank.

She said: "He would have the videos on and do nothing to stop us watching them. My mother would go mad and he'd put them off."

He even took his family to Amsterdam in a camper van for a holiday - taking them to the red-light district.

Jillian said: "I am convinced he was involved in illegal stuff and I've often thought he was connected to child pornography, given the way his mind works."

Lamb wrote Jillian a pathetic letter after he was originally charged with his crimes 16 years ago.

She said: "He went on about how he faced losing his house and his job and his new family."

The original case against Lamb collapsed but was taken up again four years ago when another victim came forward.

Jillian said: "Cases like these must collapse all the time because it is the victim's word against the abuser.

"I would urge anyone who has been a victim to step forward and bring the perverts to justice."

Jillian was given support by the Moira Anderson Foundation, who help adults who have been the victims of child abuse.

She said: "They made me realise I wasn't alone in what I had gone through."

Jillian Lamb has not been paid for this article.

Contact the Moira Anderson Foundation on [01236 602890](tel:01236602890), www.moiranderson.org.

Exclusive: Scots child abuse helpline flooded with calls after we reveal how Brad Pitt helped convict sex beast

[Feb 6 2009](#) By Mark McGivern

SCORES of child abuse victims have been inspired to report perverts after the Record told how Brad Pitt helped get one jailed.

The Moira Anderson Foundation, who offer a rape crisis service to adults abused as children, have been flooded with calls since we told Jillian Lamb's story.

Jillian, 37, saw her father John Lamb sentenced to seven-and-a-half years after she told police how he abused her for eight years - starting on her first day at school.

Lamb, 60, tried to use her 1994 fling with the Hollywood star against her, claiming she was a fantasist and was unfit to give evidence against him.

Lamb's special defence was kicked out of court after police spoke to the Record and we proved that Pitt had spoken about the affair in 2000. That forced Lamb to plead guilty.

The foundation's founder Sandra Brown said yesterday: "Jillian has inspired so many people and she should be very proud of what she has done.

"She had the guts to come forward and take on all the obstacles that child abuse victims find in their path.

"Our phone lines have been red hot with people praising her for what she has done and saying they wish to do the same. It's been truly inspiring.

"The fact that Brad Pitt was involved in her more recent history made the story quite eye-catching and that really helped drive home the message about her earlier abuse."

Last night, Jillian said: "I only did the story because I wanted to encourage other victims to come forward. I am so happy to see what is happening."

Sandra set up the foundation nine years ago as a legacy for Moira Anderson.

The 11-year-old went missing in Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, in February 1957 and has never been found.

Sandra believes her father - convicted paedophile Alex Gartshore - killed Moira.

She said: "We are always struggling for funding and the huge interest we have received since the Record story proves our work is very important and needs to be recognised."

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Brad girl a hero to child abuse victims

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