CATEGORY: Addressing suspicion of abuse	Case Study # 2
TITLE: Admin's failure to respond to observations/reports of possible abuse	updated: 12-28-2014
SUB-TITLE: paedophilia; child pornography	
LOCATION: Western Europe	

The new Secondary Principal noticed that three elementary faculty members were demonstrating suspicious behavior.

The nine year veteran [#1] was especially notable as he would say goodbye at the end of every day to the little children, kissing them and hugging them. While this could be considered part of European culture, he was exclusively saying goodbye to the boys.

The Secondary Principal also reported that there were two other elementary teachers [#2 & #3] who were behaving in a somewhat inappropriate "gay way" [direct quote] at school. One paid far too much attention to his early childhood male students.

He brought this to the attention of the Elementary Principal and the school Director but his fears were dismissed as the teachers had been with the school for several years; in one case - 9 years. But they was very popular with both the children and the faculty and the concerns of the Secondary Principal were seen to be unfounded. The Secondary Principal told the Director and Elementary Principal that the school was sitting on a time bomb; he was right.

In November the affectionate teacher [#1] was arrested in a Europe-wide sweep in which the FBI, Interpol and national police forces were cooperating. As it turned out this individual was involved in a large kiddie-porn operation involving many pedophile clients that included very important people in many countries. As a result the government imprisoned this teacher in a top security prison and kept him in solitary for most of two years.

Not until he was released and expelled from the country did anyone at school find out what really happened. That is why the school avoided a scandal.

Teacher [#2] was also uncovered through a simple inquiry to the UK inspectorate of the Ministry of Education. While they would not share any details, they confirmed that he had been banned from teaching in the UK for life. When asked if it was due to abuse of his students- the answer was yes. Despite no proof of wrongdoing at this school, he was simply and immediately dismissed and never heard from again.

Inquiries concerning teacher # 3 turned up no information, and as there were no complaints at the school about this teacher, he was retained on staff.

But the very important aspect to these cases was these teachers had good references from other school directors. One director in particular, as it turned out, was involved in the shadowy world of pedophilia himself. At the time there was speculation that fellow pedophiles were providing the all important references that would cover up someone's sordid background allowing him to move on to another country and school to continue until detected again.

QUESTIONS-COMMENTS-CAVEATS: See the 30 guiding questions