

<b>CATEGORY: Screening of support service personnel</b>	<b>Case Study # 3</b>
<b>TITLE: Referrals to external support services</b>	<b>updated: 12-28-2014</b>
<b>SUB-TITLE:</b>	
<b>LOCATION: North Africa</b>	
<p>After arriving at his new international school, the Head of School was pleasantly surprised to find that there was a qualified European child psychologist that had Canadian training working in the city. He was working with several of the children from the school. The HOS described him as having ‘the air of a priest about him.’ He was in his fifties.</p> <p>One day the secretary to the HOS, who had her children at one of the French schools, told him that the French embassy had warned parents that this supposed PhD in child psychology was a fake.</p> <p>A simple internet search uncovered that this man was on a ‘most wanted pedophile’ list. The HOS learned that he was unqualified as a psychologist but had posed as a professional who was an expert on adoption –especially of older children. He had been so successful with his con that he eventually was made head of adoption services for the State of Illinois [USA]. But he was found to be a pedophile and was tried and sentenced to a long prison term. But he skipped the country and ended up, under his real name in [north African country] with an entirely new con but with the same sordid aim.</p> <p>The local police and the FBI arranged for him to be flown under guard to Rome where he was taken into custody by American authorities and returned to Chicago where he is serving a prison term.</p> <p>The significant thing about this case is the man was so convincing that no one bothered to check him out. Even fairly obvious signs were overlooked as he appeared to clearly be who he pretended to be.</p>	
<b>QUESTIONS-COMMENTS-CAVEATS:</b> (see the 30 guiding questions)	
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