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Subject:

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20 September 2012 13:45

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Re: Correction required - Jimmy Savile accused of sexually assaulting girls on ITV1 documentary

Hi (140)

Thanks for the email. We have since updated the story - please let us know any further amendments.

Thanks,

(140)

On 20 September 2012 13:32, [

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] wrote:

Dear [140 (2)]

Further to a conversation with (140) please could you amend the following story to make the Newsnight position as currently it is misleading.

<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/tv/news/a407160/jimmy-savile-accused-of-sexually-assaulting-girls-on-itv1-documentary.html>

The team were pursuing were pursuing a particular angle relating to the CPS/Police Investigation which we were unable to substantiate and which was therefore not broadcast. Any suggestion that a story was dropped for anything other than editorial reasons is completely untrue.

Please could this be reflected.

I am happy to discuss this further if necessary.

Please let me know you have received this email.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

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Valerie Nazareth

From: BBC Press Office
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:02
To: Julian Payne; [C:40] BBC Press Office; [M] BBC Press Office; Valerie Nazareth-
and-assistant; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: RE: Evening Standard - Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls, 10 women tell TV exposé

Media Guido have just put up a further story today. Copy, tweet and link below.

Jimmy Savile Sex Abuse Exposed
BBC "Cover Up" Allegations Mounting

Guido has hinted at the coming BBC Jimmy Savile cover up scandal previously, and things are certainly hotting up today. The final edit has just been made of an explosive new documentary alleging that Savile sexually abused up to ten girls as young as thirteen while at the height of his fame. *On BBC property.*

As Guido reported in February it is claimed Savile molested underage girls in hospitals, schools and BBC studios, allegedly giving his victims seats in the audience in return for sexual favours. The spotlight will now fall on what the BBC knew and when, why a *Newsnight* report containing the allegations was mysteriously spiked and why they failed to inform the police about the evidence they had uncovered. *New York Times* president Mark Thompson, then the BBC Director General, has some very difficult questions to answer...

<http://order-order.com/2012/09/28/jimmy-savile-sex-abuse-exposed-bbc-cover-up-allegations-mounting/>

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Jimmy Savile Sex Abuse Exposed: BBC "Cover Up" Allegations Mounting <http://order-order.com/2012/09/28/jimmy-savile-sex-abuse-exposed-bbc-cover-up-allegations-mounting/> ...

Guido piece from Feb 8th 2012

BBC Jimmy Savile "Cover Up Scandal" Coming

Whispers in the wind of a potential BBC scandal developing. Guido understands that tomorrow's edition of *The Oldie* magazine will shed some more light on rather unpleasant allegations about the late Sir Jimmy Savile and why a *Newsnight* report suggesting that he molested underage girls was mysteriously spiked.

Apparently *The Oldie* will reveal that the *Newsnight* report contained evidence that the abuse of minors involving Savile that took place on BBC premises in the 1970s and that two other celebrities – both still alive – were involved as well. *Boom...*

The BBC said in December that *Newsnight's* report was never aired because there was not enough proof, but that line is now looking shaky. The article will allege that Mark Thompson has known of this contentious story for weeks. *It seems there could be some intriguing questions for the DG to answer in the coming days...*

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From: (S40(2))
Sent: 20 September 2012 13:49
To: (S40(2)) ; BBC Press Office; (S40(2)) BBC Press Office; Sam Hodges; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: RE: Dig Spy - Jimmy Savile accused of sexually assaulting girls on ITV1 documentary

Thanks (S40(2))

From: (S40(2))
Sent: 20 September 2012 13:48
To: BBC Press Office; (S40(2)) BBC Press Office; Sam Hodges; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: RE: Dig Spy - Jimmy Savile accused of sexually assaulting girls on ITV1 documentary

Hi
Digital Spy story updated to reflect newsnight position.
Thanks

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[S40]

From: BBC Press Office
Sent: 20 September 2012 12:54
To: (S40(2)) BBC Press Office; Sam Hodges; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: Dig Spy - Jimmy Savile accused of sexually assaulting girls on ITV1 documentary

Dig Spy - Jimmy Savile accused of sexually assaulting girls on ITV1 documentary

By Colin Daniels

ITV1 is to air a documentary featuring claims that Jimmy Savile sexually assaulted teenage girls in the 1970s. Several women have alleged that the TV presenter, who died last year, abused them as underage teenagers, the Radio Times reports.

The women's interviews will feature in the programme, which is due to be broadcast on October 3 as part of ITV1's 'Exposure' documentary strand.

An ITV spokesman explained that the show was still being edited and refused to comment on reports that the alleged incidents - said to range from indecency to unlawful sex - involved girls as young as 13.

Former police detective and child protection expert Mark Williams-Thomas, who hosts On the Run, conducted the investigation.

Savile's friends and family have previously insisted that he wasn't a sexual predator.

The BBC had been investigating similar claims for Newsnight, but dropped the report because it could not be "substantiated".

The corporation denied claims it shelved the feature over fears that it would damage its reputation, since some of the assaults allegedly took place at Television Centre.

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[NR]

From: [s402]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:25
To: [s40(2)]
Subject: RE: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

No problem [s40] In the process of changing it now.

[s40(2)]

From: [s40(2)]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:25
To: [s40(2)]
Subject: RE: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

Thanks [s40]
Sorry when I couldn't get hold of you I also called your news desk
Thanks for your help

[s40]

[s40]

From: [s40]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:22
To: [s40]
Subject: RE: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

[s40] the original copy did not suggest that at all. It was crunched by the subs and I see your point. I will ask for it to be changed.

[s40(2)]

From: [s40(2)]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:19
To: [s40(2)]

Cc: Newsdesk Mail

Subject: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

Dear [540]

Further to my voice mail, please could you correct the misleading information in your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls, 10 women tell TV exposé'.

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Kind Regards

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From: [s40]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:31
To: [s40]
Subject: RE: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

Hi [s40]

I've amended the story online. The amended version should go on the site within the next few minutes.

Best wishes

[s40]

From: [s40]
Sent: 28 September 2012 13:24
To: [s40]
Cc: [s40]
Subject: FW: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

Hi [s40]

As per my conversation with [s40] on news desk, please could you correct the misleading information in your story by Kiran Randhawa 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls, 10 women tell TV exposé'. In the final paragraph you say: 'Original plans to broadcast the allegations last December were dropped in favour of two shows celebrating Savile's BBC career.' This is incorrect. The BBC investigation was not dropped for the tribute shows. We were pursuing a particular angle relating to the CPS/Police which we were unable to substantiate and which was therefore not broadcast. Any suggestion that a story was dropped for anything other than editorial reasons is completely untrue. Please could you reflect this in your and further piece.

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Sent: 28 September 2012 13:19
To: [s40]
Cc: news@standard.co.uk
Subject: Correction to your story 'Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls'

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From: [S40] in behalf of BBC Press Office
Sent: 28 September 2012 15:08
To: (S4) BBC Press Office; Valerie Nazareth-and-assistant; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: *Updated* PM – Eve Std - Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls, 10 women tell TV exposé

***Updated* PM – Eve Std - Jimmy Savile sexually abused us as girls, 10 women tell TV exposé**

Kiran Randhawa

A string of women have given shocking accounts of how they were allegedly sexually abused by Jimmy Savile when they were young girls, it was revealed today.

The assaults occurred in public places including hospitals, schools and the BBC studios where the children's TV presenter recorded his family shows, it is claimed.

The explosive accusations, ranging from rape to indecency, are made by up to 10 women who claim that their lives have been "destroyed and devastated" by the late DJ, knighted in 1990.

According to the allegations in a TV documentary screened next Wednesday, Savile abused girls as young as 13 at the height of his fame.

The ITV programme will feature between five and 10 women claiming he was a sexual predator who took advantage of their vulnerability.

A source who worked with the investigation team told the Standard the show contains "shocking material that really lifts the lid on the icon" and "goes beyond anybody's comprehension" of what Savile was capable of.

The flamboyant star, who died aged 84 last October, hosted Clunk Click, his 1970s BBC family show, and Jim'll Fix It, which ran till the mid-Eighties. He also presented the first edition of Top of the Pops in 1964 and the last in 2006.

Some of those who contributed to the documentary are believed to be former pupils of Duncroft Approved School in Staines, Surrey, where Savile was a regular visitor.

Two claimed that he took them for drives in his car and gave them money, cigarettes, records and places in the Clunk Click studio audience in return for "sexual favours".

In 2007 Surrey Police received a complaint from a woman who said she was indecently assaulted by Savile at Duncroft in the Seventies.

The allegation was investigated but no further action taken.

The documentary — Exposure: The Other Side Of Jimmy — took 12 months to make and the final edit was being done today.

Former Surrey police officer and child protection expert Mark Williams-Thomas is fronting the programme. At least two of the alleged victims have waived their rights to anonymity.

The source added: "These are women who were abused as children."

"They tell how it has destroyed and devastated their lives. It affects them to this day.

"Most of them have not told this story before. It is the first time they have spoken in detail about everything. It's explosive stuff."

The BBC had originally hoped to broadcast the allegations in a Newsnight report in December but it was dropped as it was "unable to substantiate" key facts. The corporation later screened two tribute programmes celebrating Savile's lengthy BBC career.

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From: BBC Press Office
Sent: 28 September 2012 20:19
To: BBC Press Office; Valerie Nazareth-and-assistant; Communications - Domestic News
Subject: PM - GDN - Jimmy Savile alleged to have abused girls as young as 13

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Documentary to air claims by several women that TV presenter assaulted them when they were children
Ben Quinn

Jimmy Savile, the eccentric television star and Top of the Pops host who was knighted in 1990, was a sexual predator who abused girls as young 13, an investigative documentary to be broadcast next week will allege.

Up to 10 women are said to have come forward to claim that they were sexually assaulted by Savile during the 1970s, when they were underage teens, and that their lives were "destroyed and devastated" as a result. The abuse, ranging from rape to indecency, is alleged to have taken place in public places, including schools, hospitals and the BBC studios where the entertainer hosted family-oriented shows including Jim'll Fix It.

Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy will be screened on Wednesday on ITV, weeks before the first anniversary of the broadcaster's death at the age of 84.

In a statement issued on Friday, the BBC said it had conducted extensive searches of its files to establish whether there was any record or allegation of misconduct by Savile during his time at the BBC but no such evidence had been found.

"While the BBC condemns any behaviour of the type alleged in the strongest terms, in the absence of evidence of any kind found at the BBC that corroborates the allegations that have been made it is simply not possible for the corporation to take any further action," it said.

A former Surrey police officer and child protection expert, Mark Williams-Thomas, will present the programme, which will reportedly include interviews with at least two women who have waived their rights to anonymity.

In 2007, police received a complaint from a woman who said that she had been indecently assaulted by Savile in Surrey, where the star was a regular visitor to Duncroft school, Staines.

The allegation was investigated but no further action taken.

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From:
Sent:
Subject:

BBC Press Office
01 October 2012 10:38
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Monday 1st October 2012

Agreed lines on running issues and advance warning of anticipated BBC-related issues, events and announcements.

From the weekend papers

Sir Jimmy Savile/ITV Documentary

Extensive coverage throughout the weekend ahead of the ITV1 documentary 'Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile' (tx: 23.10.12) with reports made by some papers that the BBC failed to act on allegations Savile had sexually abused young girls. We have said: "The BBC has conducted extensive searches of its files to establish whether there is any record of misconduct or allegations of misconduct by Sir Jimmy Savile during his time at the BBC. No such evidence has been found. Whilst the BBC condemns any behaviour of the type alleged in the strongest terms, in the absence of evidence of any kind found at the BBC that corroborates the allegations that have been made it is simply not possible for the corporation to take any further action." In relation to the dropping of a 'Newsnight' investigation into Savile, we provided the following from Peter Rippon, Editor: "It is absolutely untrue that the 'Newsnight' investigation was dropped for anything other than editorial reasons. We have been very clear from the start that the piece was not broadcast because the story we were pursuing could not be substantiated. To say otherwise is false and very damaging to the BBC and individuals. The notion that internal pressure was applied appears to be a malicious rumour".

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[S40]
From: Julian Payne
Sent: 01 October 2012 16:39
To: [S40]
Subject: RE: Savile

[S40]-in answer to your questions:

The BBC does not have any record of Sue Thompson reporting what she allegedly saw.
The investigation was carried out in August and September of 2012
There is no record of the police having approached anyone at the BBC during its 2007 investigation

For the absence of doubt our line states:

"The BBC has conducted extensive searches of its files to establish whether there is any record of misconduct or allegations of misconduct by Sir Jimmy Savile during his time at the BBC. No such evidence has been found.

"The BBC condemns any behaviour of the type alleged in the strongest terms. But at this stage and in the absence of any evidence of allegations made at the time about misconduct by Sir Jimmy Savile during his time at the BBC it is simply not possible for the corporation to take any further action."

Julian

From: [S40]
Sent: 01 October 2012 15:35
To: Julian Payne
Subject: Fwd: Savile

Hi Julian

Please see transcript below for your info.

Does the BBC have any record of Sue Thompson reporting what she allegedly saw?

When was the BBC investigation carried out which found no record of any complaint?

Did the BBC speak to any individuals during its investigation?

Did the police approach the BBC at any stage during or after their investigation in 2007?

When did Jimmy last work for the BBC?

many thanks

[S40]

[S40]

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From: [S40]
Date: 1 October 2012 14:47
Subject: Re: Savile
To: [S40]

Hello [S40] this contains pretty much all the useful information from the Savile doc.

Thanks

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PRESS RELEASE

Sunday September 30, 2012

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Sir Jimmy Savile 'sexually abused underage girls' claim alleged victims in new TV documentary

Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile

ITV1 at 11.10pm Wednesday October 3, 2012

Far from his image as a genial eccentric and charity fundraiser, Sir Jimmy Savile was a predator who preyed on young girls, claim alleged victims in a new documentary.

ITV1 documentary **Exposure: The Other Side of Jimmy Savile**, features five alleged victims giving evidence that the Top Of The Pops and Jim'll Fix It star sexually assaulted them while they were aged under 16.

One claims she was raped by Savile, another says she was asked to perform a sex act on him, and others claim they were groomed and indecently assaulted by him. One says she has spoken out only now following his death in 2011 because she was too frightened to do so while he was alive.

Other witnesses, including BBC staff who worked with him, give accounts of the times they had seen Savile with underage girls – sometimes in compromising positions.

ChildLine founder Esther Rantzen tells the programme she now believes Sir Jimmy Savile sexually abused underage girls after seeing the fresh evidence contained in the programme.

And in a recording obtained by the programme, Savile appears to defend convicted paedophile Gary Glitter.

The alleged victims who provide interviews include:

- SLO (real name), who says she was 14 when she first met Savile at Duncroft Approved School in Surrey in 1974, where he was invited to visit to raise the school's profile. Charlotte was invited to join him in his caravan parked in the school's grounds.

"We all went into this caravan and Jimmy Savile was there and the teacher was saying to us "Oh he's going to do a recording of all you girls and he's going to play it on the radio".

"I don't know if he beckoned me first or, I can't remember that but I do remember that I sat on his lap. And then the next thing, I felt this hand, sort of go up my jumper and on my breast like this. I just absolutely, I jumped up, I absolutely freaked out and started swearing and "What do you think you're doing?". And then I was just dragged out of the caravan by two of the staff. I mean dragged back by my two arms I remember, my feet were like this, heels were really being dragged in the grass and told [what a] filthy mouth I have, 'how can I make those terrible accusations, Uncle Jimmy does nothing but good for the school' and he was just so wonderful and me, I need to retract what I'd said, I need to apologise. I was taken upstairs to the isolation unit, left there for two or three days and said that I could come back into the building when I refrained from saying such filthy things and retract the accusations and you know, that was it. When I came out I just didn't say anything more because I hated it in the isolation unit, it was a padded cell. And you were locked in this room and just left. So I didn't think anything more about it but I never saw him again, after that, ever."

- SLO (real name), then 14, who says she was among the girls at Duncroft invited by Savile to be taken for rides in his Rolls Royce.

"He would get out of his car, take a box of cigars from the boot, go to the headmistress's office and then he would come into the common room. And he would almost sit down and try to be one of the girls and he would make his selection if you like when he got there. And it was quite a treat to be offered to be taken out by him. Because we didn't get to go out that much, occasionally we went in a minibus with rides with one of the members of staff, but it was very controlled and we were only allowed certain places and things, so to have this gentleman say he wanted to take two or three of you out, with just him, it was freedom, it was wonderful."

"The very first time he abused me it was actually in the back of his car funnily enough. But we were in the car park and the other girls were sat at one of those picnic tables, benches and I was sat with him on my own in the back of the car and I knew the moment he asked me to stay in the car with him, I knew what was expected of me. Because I was having this wonderful day out and I was expected to pay for it. And that's what I did. I now know it was wrong and I can still get very angry about it, but nobody believed me then, so I don't expect anybody to believe me now if I'm honest."

"At the time I wore a bra that was under-wired and by the time I'd finished spending some time with him, the wire from my bra had come up over the top of my breast...and he hadn't restrained himself just to my breasts, he'd also had a good fumble around in my knickers and it didn't make me feel comfortable, or good about myself, but I thought it was expected of me."

"I was expected to masturbate him. And it sounds very odd and I'm still not sure why but he wanted me to put my finger into his anus. And I don't understand why to this day but that was what he wanted."

- **She also says Savile went on to abuse her at BBC Television Centre, after Savile invited Duncroft girls to be among the audience sitting on bean bags on the set of his show Clunk Click.**

"Again we knew what was expected of us, we had to pay. He had an alcove in his dressing room that had a curtain over it and he would take you behind the curtain."

"He himself would just make quite lewd suggestions to you a lot of the time and he often wanted you to sit on his knee whilst he spun round in the chair, but you could feel him getting an erection whilst you were sitting on his knee. I'm not quite sure how you'd describe it as petting or whatever, but he got his usual hand job off me."

"He always touched my breasts but at the same time he would be touching my breasts he'd always have his hands down my knickers."

"There were no staff around in the room, just the girls in there and one or two other people so I suppose the privacy we got was from the curtain in the alcove but, I have no doubt that he went and told everybody else what he did afterwards. And it didn't make me feel that good about myself. And I remember the first time, as well, sitting watching the recording of the show. And it was almost as if I wasn't there, I wasn't watching it because I was thinking too much about what had happened and what I had to do the following day and I just wasn't concentrating at all on watching the show it was almost a bit as if I was sat there in a dream state or something."

- **One woman (pseudonym Val), who says he started a relationship with her when she was just 15 after she met him at the BBC in 1969. She says he indecently assaulted her 'probably dozens of times'.**

"I think people need to know that there was another side to him and it was quite a dark side. He was a predator really, a predator on young girls."

"The first time something happened he actually got me into the, it was like an alcove in the dressing room and he pushed me back against the wall and then it was a hand up the skirt and touching me."

"But whenever he did that, because he did it on various occasions in various places and it was always very quick, a quick fumble and he was very strong and he would pin you up against somewhere, quick fumble, hand up the skirt and that was it."

"He would grab any opportunity to do it so other times it would be in the corridor again, if there was an alcove he would just push you into the alcove, quick fumble and then carry on as normal."

"When I was 16 he then, again one of these fumbles then turned into sex, full sex, which I didn't realise that's what was happening, it sounds really stupid I didn't realise but again, naïve girl. And he promised me he wasn't going all the way, but he did."

"There was no foreplay, no romance, no taking off clothes, so it was, I'm sure it's why he always wore a shell suit so he could just whip his elastic shell suit bottoms down very quickly. And that's, that's what it was. It was just a quick act of sex, there was nothing else you would call it really."

"I remember it always, I remember it being a struggle, with me trying to push him off and him again pinning me down with his body weight. And then the deed was over."

"As a mature woman now, I look back and I think I was actually raped on that first occasion because I definitely didn't know we were going to have full sex and I definitely said to him "You're not going to go all the way". So looking back I think, "Oh my god, he actually raped me".

"I was very young and he was in his 40s. And I think he was a very, he was always a very charismatic man and quite a powerful personality and I think as young girls we got caught up in that whole experience at the time, sort of living the life, almost living the life with a celebrity, because you know, if you were with him you had access to places and you met famous people and he was a very charismatic person to be around. That went along with it really. I never thought, it was only when I was much older I looked back and got more distressed by it as I got older."

"I think when he was alive I would have been too frightened to have spoken out. There was always an air of, I don't know what you'd call it, not exactly menace but there was always that air that he had power and that he had contacts and you wouldn't want to mess with him. So I would never have come out openly about it before."

• Another (pseudonym Angie), says she was part of the same group that used to hang around Savile, and lost her virginity to him aged 15, just weeks after meeting him. She says he never wore a condom and at times she was not aware that he was going to have sex with her. In 1974 he gave her his autobiography, writing inside "No escape!" and signing it "Her keeper".

"It was in a London hotel. He invited me to come round, when I got there it was chit-chat first of all and before I knew it he had me on the bed and he was having sex with me."

"Jim didn't do kissing, he didn't do emotion or foreplay or anything. It was just basically what he wanted in and out and that was it. And afterwards it was as though nothing had happened."

"I was very naïve, I had no idea what was happening and in the light of day he was a middle-aged man, he was in his early 40s. He shouldn't be doing that to 15 year olds. And actually I'm quite angry and it's quite repulsive what he did to me and other girls."

"It happened on a number of occasions. On those occasions there was no-one else in the dressing room except for him and I and there was like a little sort of couch and he would have me lie down on it and just do the sex act really, really quickly, obviously before anyone else came into the dressing room, but it was very, very quick, very unemotional and that was it. And that happened on a number of occasions as well as the sort of pinning up on a wall and so on.

"But being a teenager and not understanding things you do blame yourself and there are so many mixed emotions with this but I, I've always been full of regret that it happened and that I wasn't able to do anything about it and I didn't understand it either. I just feel that he just took huge advantage of me."

● **Sarah (pseudonym) says she met Savile in 1973 when she was a 14-year-old schoolgirl. She says she wrote to Savile to tell him about the choir she was in and when the choir performed at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, he rang her and said he would come and watch.**

"After the concert, while everyone was getting on the coach to leave, I ran up to him to let him know I was the one who had sent him the letter about the choir.

"Before I knew what had happened he'd stuck his tongue into my mouth. It didn't seem to bother him that other people could have seen what he was doing. I was just so shocked. I pulled away and dashed onto the coach. I couldn't believe what had happened.

"Looking back now, as an adult, I realise he'd been grooming me by calling me at home and arranging to come and see me in the choir. So many people looked up to him – including me. Yet he was trying to take advantage of a 14-year-old child."

Esther Rantzen, who worked as a television presenter at the BBC at the same time Savile was at the height of his fame in the 1970s, said there were rumours and gossip about the star. After watching the alleged victims' evidence, Esther says she believes the testimonies and now thinks the rumours were true.

● *"What I know about child abuse is the child takes the guilt, the child takes the responsibility, and I say to these women don't be angry with yourselves, it's the adult to blame. And it's the adult world that created this mythical figure who was above criticism, who was above blame. And I feel that we in television in his world in some way colluded with him as a child abuser – because I now believe that's what he was."*

● *"We all blocked our ears to the gossip. There was gossip, there were rumours. I think the important message in the programme is that children mustn't blame themselves. It's always the adult to blame, it's never the child's fault."*

● *"Very painful. Very distressing. Because in a funny way we all colluded with this didn't we? We made him into the Jimmy Savile who was untouchable. Who nobody could criticise - Jim'll Fix It was for children. He was*

a sort of God-like figure. Everybody knew of the good that Jimmy did and what he did for children. And these children were powerless.

- "Before I watched these I had absolutely decided I would not make up my mind because he's not here to defend himself – it seems utterly unfair. I must say that what these women say is so matter of fact, they corroborate each other. The style of the abuse and the attack on them was consistent one with each other. I'm afraid the jury isn't out any more and what upsets me so much is that not one of these children could ask for help. The abuse of power was as great as the sexual abuse."

A recording of Savile appearing to defend convicted paedophile Gary Glitter, real name Paul Gadd, also features in the programme. The recording, from an interview with a journalist in 2009, seems to show that Savile believed Gadd was more victim than predator.

- "Now Gary, all he did was to take his computer into PC World to get it repaired. They went into the hard drive, saw all these dodgy pictures and told the police and the police then, 'Oh we've got a famous person... Oh my goodness, yeah we'll have them.' But Gary has not sold 'em, has not tried to sell 'em, not tried to show them in public or anything like that. It were for his own gratification. Whether it was right or wrong is of course it's up to him as a person. But they didn't do anything wrong but they are then demonized. And of course, if you ever said to that copper, what's Gary Glitter done wrong? Well nothing really. He's just sat at home watching these dodgy dodgy films."
- "Oh he did...and are you telling me that somebody didn't stick two little birds into him? Cherchez la femme. He was like that but he wasn't public with it and he didn't do anything."

Alan Leeke was a cub reporter at a local newspaper in Manchester and a regular at the city's Belle Vue Top Ten Club, where he says stories circulated about Savile and teenage girls. He also visited Savile's homes, once for a pre-arranged interview, but found him otherwise engaged.

- "He was renowned for always wanting the younger element. And the younger girls seemed to sense that as well. They seemed to know that if you wanted to meet Savile you had to be a young, a young girl."
- "We'd just been talking generally when a girl arrived. She would be, she was a teenage girl, I couldn't tell what age, but as soon as she arrived Savile took her off into what I assume was his bedroom and he was only in there 10 minutes when he came out on his own and proceeded without any bashfulness or anything, to wash himself off in the sink, which I thought was quite an unusual thing to do, but that was it. And then this girl came in, joined us for 10 minutes and then, then I went off. I hadn't got a story but it was very plain to me that he didn't want me there any longer, so I left."

Sue Thompson was a newsroom assistant at BBC Leeds at the time Jimmy Savile was presenting the regional Speakeasy programme in 1978. When she was asked to help out on the show, she walked into the star's dressing room after a recording and says she was shocked by what she saw.

- *"I opened the door and I walked in and Jimmy Savile was sat in a chair with the right side of his body facing me and there was a girl of about 14 with long brown hair sat on his knee, he had his left arm up her skirt and he had, he was kissing her, but what I distinctly remember, and that's the image that sticks in my mind, was the fact that as I opened the door he turned his head and it was just his tongue that was just sort of coming out of her mouth that stuck in my mind, it was that image. So it wasn't, it wasn't just like a peck on the cheek like she'd jumped on his knee and sort of done it spontaneously, it was a definite sexual advance to this girl."*

- *"I would have said something before if I'd had the courage or conviction that perhaps something would have been done about it. But it has been difficult to speak about it, just because of who Jimmy Savile was. I don't think I ever saw him have bad publicity and I think that's the overriding thing, everybody saw him as Sir Jimmy the great charity worker etcetera. And it's like you're saying "Oh no he's not, this is what I saw" and it's a case of you're just one person in millions standing up and saying "actually, no". But it's that fear of people probably not believing you."*

But the story goes back even further – to 1964. Savile's producer on the new BBC radio show Teen Scene, Wilfred De'Ath, explained his experiences of the DJ's behaviour – including at a Chinese restaurant.

- *"He had a reputation, he had a shocking reputation for young women, but it was all hearsay, I didn't know whether to believe it or not.*
- *"As I shall repeatedly say, he never attempted to hide this predilection, so it was generally known that he was into young girls.*
- *"So I turned up at the Lotus House, I think it was on a Friday evening and there he was sitting on a banquette with this very young girl, I would guess she was twelve if you'd ask me to guess. It could be that she was thirteen, fourteen, but I would have said twelve. I asked him where he'd found her, I said 'where did you pick her up?' And he said 'Oh Top of the Pops'. I think it was the previous night, Top of the Pops went out on a Thursday night. And I said, I remember saying 'Is that your happy hunting ground?' and he said 'Yes'. And that was the extent of my conversation about the girl, because I found it rather demeaning to be having to talk to him in front of a little girl like that."*

ENDS

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1. **Please clearly credit programme title and TX details if any of this material is used.**
2. **The Other Side of Jimmy Savile** is a 60-minute factual documentary in the Exposure strand, due to air on Wednesday October 3 at 11.10pm, subject to confirmation.
3. In the programme former detective Mark Williams-Thomas conducts an in-depth investigation into allegations that Sir Jimmy Savile sexually abused vulnerable teenage girls at the height of his fame.
4. This is an ITV Studios production for ITV1.

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