

## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL ABUSE: FROM INCEST TO HEBEPHILIA

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**Introduction:** On the eve of its entry into the DSM-V, hebephilia is a sexual deviance under debate. Few studies describe hebephiles, then who are these sex offenders?

**Objectives:** Assess the profile of adolescents sex offenders and their victims, and the characteristics of their penal treatment.

**Methods:** This is a retrospective study carried out from the court records of adolescents sex offenders followed by the State Department on the Enforcement of Sentences of Tours and Chateauroux (France).

**Results:** 31 offenders and 57 victims have been identified.

- Concerning offenders: the average age was  $37.8 \pm 9.4$  years. 71% had a job and 51.6% lived in couple. 87.1% had normal or borderline intellectual level. 38.7% had been victimized in childhood, of which 58.3% had experienced sexual violence.

- Regarding penal treatment: 42% of subjects were judged by a correctional court, and 58% by a criminal court. 22.6% of subjects were in recidivism. The average length of imprisonment was  $7.5 \pm 4.2$  years. 67.8% of subjects were sentenced to treatment with 48.4% imposed an injunction care. The average duration of treatment was  $4.4 \pm 3.1$  years.

- Concerning victims: 57 victims were identified of which 86% were female. The mean age was  $14.1 \pm 2.1$  years. 58.1% of violences experienced were rapes in with 48.4% of intrafamilial. 67% of violence had repeated character.

**Conclusion:** This French study in which data are comparable to those of the North American literature, provides details on the characteristics of hebephiles that are passed to the act.