

## CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VICTIM.

- **Following child sexual abuse and/or extreme physical abuse, STABILITY OF IDENTITY becomes the goal of the developing, new Persona.**
- **As this development process progresses, the survivor is having to deal with a dialectic.**
- **One side of the developing Persona wants to be loved, respected, included in a “family unit (and a community) etc.**
- **The other side is acting against this through expressed anti-social behaviours; sometimes self-harming; “rebellion”; impulsive behaviour and extreme swings in mood. Often these may not be controllable.**
- **If the survivor becomes identified as a potential witness at some age beyond childhood, this development can set up the survivor for the Goldilocks experience.**
- **In teenage/early adult years the behaviours might have resulted in such “milestones” as expulsion from school and even imprisonment for minor offences. Authority figures (police, lawyers, social workers, magistrates and judges) were instrumental here.**
- **Decades later the sexual abuse is reported and the same authority figures turn up again. This time they are seeking the survivor’s assistance in order to bring about a successful prosecution.**