

Decision of 28 February 2012

**CRIMINAL COURT DECISION (excerpt)**

**The court, after deliberating, has decided as follows:**

**By order of the Judge for Freedom and Detention dated 5 January 2012, Stéphane CARRE was placed under judicial supervision**

and appeared at the hearing assisted by his counsel; a decision is issued further to the proceedings *inter partes*.

He is accused:

- of having, in the Department of La Manche and on national territory at a time not covered by the statute of limitations, between December 2005 and October 2010, engaged or attempted to engage in the corruption of minors, and notably Miss LETOURNEUR Marine, Miss LATTAY Adeline, Miss RAIMOND Amandine, Miss DESDOIT Anaïs, Miss VUIBERT Axelle, Miss PICAN Elodie, Miss MILLARD Maelle, Miss BOBON Marine, Miss CHRETIEN Julie, Miss PAKA-MUANDA Babylonia, Miss VIEL Marie Lyse, Miss DEPIN Océane, Miss BELLIARD Noria, Miss GHYSELEN Justine, Miss CANDEL Cammie, Miss JOUIN Cassandra, Miss MAGGIO Cassandre, Miss LORTHIOS Charlotte, Miss LETOUZEY Charlène, Miss LECANUET Chloé, Miss ROSSET Ilona, Miss GEIGER Sarah, Miss LOSLIER Alicia, Miss LE RAY Celine, Miss DIALLO Rouguiatou, Miss DENJEAN Coralie, Miss LEFLAMAND Coralie, Miss BOUESNARD Cynthia, Miss DIAZ Mélanie, Miss DUBOIS Daphnée, Miss DELALAINE Marine, Miss DURIN Emmanuelle, Miss SAVARY Axelle, Miss LELIEVRE Fany, Miss GAUTIER Lucie, Miss ALIZADEH Darya, Miss GHEDAB Randa, Miss GILLOT Jennifer, Miss LEMARIE Joséphine, Miss CAHOUR Anaïs, Miss CHEVAILLIER Julie, Miss CADET Elodie, Miss TELLIEZ Justine, Miss MARIE Justine, Miss MARTIN Justine, Miss SEBIRE Kimberley, Miss BENGHARBI Kheira, Miss GARDIE Ambrée, Miss BOUYER Wendy, Miss RENOUARD Kristina, Miss DEBERTRAND Morgane, Miss MEZIGUE Sandra, Miss CATHERINE Alison, Miss PESTANA Sandra, Miss COET Adeline, Miss NICOLLE Ophélie, Miss DUMOURIER Laurine, Miss DUQUESNOY Solène, Miss ANGLADE Aurélie, Miss LE MAURICE Alicia, Miss VERDIER Laura, Miss LASCHON Julie, Miss BAZIRE Louise, Miss SOLET Mélinna, Miss FERRE Lucie, Miss LANGLOIS Lucie, Miss TRUPOT Marine, Miss GORET Maeva, Miss BUREL Magali, Miss BREULLY Magalie, Miss LE DOUARAN Maïwenn, Miss GERARDIN Justine, Miss SALEMI Maria, Miss DUBOIS Marie Line, Miss DECOCQ Marie, Miss GUERIN Audrey, Miss CRETENET Mégane, Miss GRASMENIL Mélanie, Miss TOUTAIN Melissa, Miss LENOIR Loïsa, Miss PHILLIPON Manon, Miss BOUYER Marie, Miss DAUNAS Cécilia, Miss VITALE Olivia, Miss JUHEL Maeva, Miss CANIOU Marine, Miss SABIL Hasna, Miss ROMUALD Nais, Miss LENORMAND Anaïs, Miss MESA Fanny, Miss LAMY Océane, Miss BOUVROT Pauline, Miss GELMI Prescilia, Miss OZOUF Mathilde, Miss MARTIN Aurore, Miss LACREUSE Sarah, Miss GOUDAL Alicia, Miss CORNARD Mélody, Miss POIRIER Gaele, Miss RAVINANTAPRICHA Audrey, Miss CHAPTAL Sarah, Miss POUGET Sylvia, Miss ALI PACHA Stella, Miss PORTELETTE Elise, Miss GAUTIER Lucie, Miss COTTEBRUNE DESBATS Cécile, Miss GALLAIRE Anaïs, Miss COURROY Camille, Miss GIROUARD Charlène, Miss DEROUCK Charline, Miss LEGAY Philippine, Miss GOUBERT Marion, Miss GOSSELIN Clémence, Miss GOMES Amelia, Miss LABRUX Marine, Miss CRESTE Adeline, Miss BERRE Adeline, Miss LAROSA Alexia, Miss LABOUROT Alexandra, Miss PARCOIT Althéa, Miss RETABI Caroline, Miss DUIGOU Mélody, Miss BARRE Sandy, Miss TORRES Marina, Miss MADELAINE FAUCHON Marion, Miss VOISIN Coralie, Miss ALLAIN Cindy, Miss DIAKHABY M'mahawa, Miss KING Jacqueline, Miss HANOUZET Sarah, Miss EVEILLARD Anaïs, Miss CLAUDE Mélanie, Miss SEMLIL Jennifer, Miss GRENIER Steffy, Miss KOVAC Gaele, Miss STOEHR Alexia, Miss CHEVALLOT Noémie, Miss DEBAILLEUL Adeline, Miss VARIN Julie, Miss FOUGOU Cassandra, Miss BAUMANN Mélanie, Miss LEFEVBRE Noemie, Miss COLLERY Sarah, in the case at hand notably by

pretending to be a teenager and falsifying his identity, by having discussions about sex and various sexual practices with a very large number of young girls whom he would ask to undress and sometimes to masturbate or adopt erotic positions in front of their webcams, with the circumstances that:

- the victims came into contact with the perpetrator of the offences via an electronic communication network;

- certain victims, and notably Adeline DEBAILLEUL, Adeline LATTAY, Adeline CRESTE, Adeline BERRE, Althea PARCOIT, Amandine RAIMOND, Maelle MILLARD, Marine BOBON, Julie CHRETIEN, Caroline RETABI, Cassandra JOUIN, Cassandre MAGGIO, Charlène LETOUZEY, Chloé LECANUET, Ilona ROSSET, Coralie DENJEAN, Coralie LEFLAMAND, Daphnée DUBOIS, Emmanuelle DURIN, Lucie GAUTIER, Darya ALIZADEH, M'mahawa DIAKHABY, Jennifer GILLOT, Anaïs CHAOUR, Justine TELLIEZ, Justine MARTIN, Sarah HANOUCZET, Morgane DEBERTRAND, Ophélie NICOLLE, Laurine DUMOURIER, Solène DUQUESNOY, Aurélie ANGLADE, Alicia LE MAURICE, Laura VERDIER, Julie LASCHON, Louise BAZIRE, Melinda SOLET, Lucie LANGLOIS, Marine TRUPOT, Maïwen LE DOUARAN, Maria SALEMI, Marie Line DUBOIS, Marie DECOCQ, Audrey GUERIN, Melissa TOUTAIN, Loïsa LENOIR, Manon PHILLIPON, Cécilia DAUNAS, Maeva JUHEL, Marine CANIOU, Cassandra FOUGOU, Nais ROMUALD, Anaïs LENORMAND, Fanny MESA, Noémie LEFEBVRE, Noémie CHEVALLOT, Pauline BOUVROT, Audrey RAVINANTAPRICHA, Elise PORTELETTE, Gaele KOVAC, Camille COURROY, Charline DEROUCK, Philippine LEGAY, Marion GOUBERT, Clémence GOSSELIN, Marine LABRUX and Alexia STOEHR were under the age of fifteen years, such acts being provided for in ART.227-22 of the French Criminal Code and punishable under ART.227-22 AL.1, ART.227-29, ART.227-31 of the Criminal Code.

- of having, in the Department of La Manche and on national territory, between December 2005 and April 2010, in any case at a time not covered by the statute of limitations, being an adult, made sexual propositions to minors of fifteen years of age or to persons claiming to be such, in the case at hand Marine BOBON, Charlène LETOUZEY, Coralie LEFLAMAND, Anaïs CAHOUR and Manon PHILLIPON, using an electronic means of communication.

these acts being provided for in ART.227-22-1 AL.1 of the Criminal Code and punishable under ART.227-22-1 AL.1, ART.227-29, ART.227-31 of the Criminal Code.

- of having, in the Department of La Manche, between December 2005 and October 2010, in any case on national territory and at a time not covered by the statute of limitations, been in possession of images or portrayals of minors of a pornographic nature,

these acts being provided for in ART.227-23 AL.5, AL.1 of the Criminal Code and punishable under ART.227-23 AL.5, ART.227-29, ART.227-31 of the Criminal Code.

- of having, in GRANVILLE, in June 2008, in any case on national territory and at a time not covered by the statute of limitations, committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, by violence, threat, constraint or surprise, on Miss COET Adeline, in the case at hand by touching her in a sexual manner,

these acts being provided for in ART.222-27, ART.222-22 of the Criminal Code and punishable under ART.222-27, ART.222-44, ART.222-45, ART.222-47 AL.1, ART.222-48-1 AL.1 of the Criminal Code.

- of having, in VIRE, in July 2008, in any case on national territory and at a time not covered by the statute of limitations, committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, by violence, threat, constraint or surprise, on Miss GARDIE Ambrée, in the case at hand by touching her in a sexual manner,

these acts being provided for in ART.222-27, ART.222-22 of the Criminal Code and punishable under ART.222-27, ART.222-44, ART.222-45, ART.222-47 AL.1, ART.222-48-1 AL.1 of the Criminal Code.

## ***ON PUBLIC ACTION***

***On the corruption of minors by a person brought into contact with the victim via an electronic***

***communication network and sexual propositions made to a minor aged 15 years by an adult using electronic communication means***

It is shown by the evidence in the file that on 9 July 2010, Mr LETOURNEUR filed a complaint with the Brigade of Saint Pierre Eglise for acts of corruption of minors of which his daughter Marine, age 12, had been a victim via internet in conversations on MSN. She had shown her breasts and her genitals to an unknown person in a conversation via webcam.

The initial investigations established that a certain “Marie” had invited the young girl to enter into a conversation and had then made remarks to her about her physical appearance, before asking her to show off her chest by wearing more revealing clothing, while also claiming that her own webcam was not working.

The identification of the MSN account with the address “xx-miss-fashion-girl@live.fr” used by this “Marie” showed that the computer used was that of the town hall of COLOMBE to which only the mayor and his secretary had access.

On 20 October 2010, the Gendarmes went with the N'TECH expert of the Gendarmerie to COLOMBE town hall and Stéphane CARRE spontaneously acknowledged that he was the user of that address and MSN account.

When he was questioned in custody on 20 October 2010, Stéphane CARRE declared that with the address in a female name and by pretending to be a young girl of 16, he was able to approach girls who were minors, whose age he knew from their account profile, and that he had managed to see between twenty and thirty of them naked and about fifty bare chested, and that he kept videos filmed without the knowledge of the young girls on the computer of the town hall.

Examination of the computers seized at COLOMBE town hall and LE CHEFRESNE town hall, the two municipalities where Stéphane CARRE worked, analysed 45 GB of IT data engraved on DVD and revealed:

- A large number of folders bearing the names of e-mail addresses created between December 2005 and October 2010, and containing:
  - video files portraying minors, most of them exposing themselves, showing their underwear, their chest, their genitals and sometimes even masturbating; these videos were webcam videos resulting from screenshots that CARRE had himself named “pussy”, “fingering herself”, “bra” and “bare breasts” for example,
  - photos of young girls, dressed and undressed,
  - notepad files named “questionnaire”, “presentation”, “photos to be taken”,
- paedo-pornographic photographs showing young girls,
- a very large number of MSN conversation histories, filed by month and by year (March 2007 to October 2010) with the mail addresses used by CARRE,
- photos of himself: at parties, face, body, dressed, naked, with an erection, under the shower, photos of erect phalluses,
- a file named “my story” describing the role he had invented himself as a female model who started posing at 13 and is now recruiting for her photographer,
- a “message” file, a standard message to be sent to young girls to explain the modelling competition,
- a “photo to be taken” file: standard message to be sent to young girls.

The investigations to identify the minors in the photos, videos and MSN conversations showed: 1,005 e-mail addresses that had been in contact with Stéphane CARRE, 226 e-mail addresses of victims, of which 142 were identified all over national territory after a large number of requisitions of MICROSOFT and access providers, notably CAF.

The analysis of these IT documents and hearings of the minors showed that between March 2007 and October 2010, Stéphane CARRE had used 6 different e-mail addresses to contact minors: [stephanie\\_du50@hotmail.fr](mailto:stephanie_du50@hotmail.fr) (pseudonym Stéphanie), [ldjfans@free.fr](mailto:ldjfans@free.fr) (pseudonym Stéphanie), [misterbattery@live.fr](mailto:misterbattery@live.fr) (pseudonym Matéo), [fashion-sex50@hotmail.fr](mailto:fashion-sex50@hotmail.fr) (pseudonym Alexa or Fashion), [misterpix@live.fr](mailto:misterpix@live.fr) (pseudonym Fanz) et [xx-miss-fashion-girl@live.fr](mailto:xx-miss-fashion-girl@live.fr) (pseudonym Marie).

Each e-mail address was associated with a different way of operating and a different role: Stéphane CARRE pretended either to be a young girl and sometimes a confidant, an example, a model or even a big sister, or to be a young man who made much of his know-how in seduction and sexuality.

For example, “Marie” was a model of about 16 who had started working at 13 and was the organiser of a photograph competition with her usual photographer. She placed an ad for the competition on the Skyrock chat and as soon as she received an answer, she would start up a private MSN conversation and pretend to be organising a preliminary selection via internet using pre-recorded messages recorded on her computer. She would say that she had to see whether the girls’ bodies were right, would make them feel at ease, propose to open a discussion session with webcam – and record it without warning them – or ask for photos, sending a list of the photos that were required. She would send questionnaires and had a completely invented profile on Facebook to reassure her young contacts. She would explain that there were prizes to be won: modelling books, shots, presence at shows, invitations for premieres, promotions, clothes. She sometimes introduced herself as being a member of the ELITE Group (victim SABIL).

It appears that Stéphane CARRE would attempt to get the young girls to undress, show the private parts of their bodies or even perform caresses, masturbation or penetrations in front of the camera.

During some conversations, he pretended to be a young man of 19 (Fanz) and would propose to the minors to have sex with him and offer to meet them, however old they were.

When he was playing the role of a young girl (Alexa, Fashion or Marie) and came into contact with minors who declared that they had never had sex, he would propose a gentle, tender, experienced young man for their first sexual relations (victims CAHOUR, JOUIN, GOSSELIN, MADELAINE FAUCHON, SEMLIL, VARIN, PHILIPPON). He would explain to them that his name was Stéphane, that he loved having sex with virgins, would ask them whether they knew other young girls who might be interested (victim COET) and would claim that it was “better without a condom” (victim ALLAIN).

“Marie” proposed to Miss MEZIGUE to have sex with a couple. When questioned about this proposition at the hearing, Stéphane CARRE declared that if the answer had been yes, the couple would have been him and his girlfriend.

Sometimes, Stéphane CARRE would conduct two parallel conversations with the same minor, pretending to be both “Alexa” and “Fanz”, so that the former could convince the minor to meet the latter.

During his police custody, Stéphane CARRE indicated that although his initial objective was to see them naked and then watch them masturbating, he did want to meet them afterwards to “*take their virginity*”.

The very large number of MSN conversations saved by Stéphane CARRE showed that:

- **he encouraged minors to adopt sexually-suggestive positions, to caress themselves, masturbate or even perform penetration** of deodorants or pencils in their vagina (victims GAUTIER, 14 years old the first time, unidentified victim 4-73 who was extremely young, even though she claimed to be 14, GORET, 14, and LABRUX, 13, with highly obscene talk)

and declared in custody that “*in my demands, I had no limits. As long as the girl accepted, I would continue*”;

- **he would show images and videos supposed to show “herself” to place them at ease:** (to make

DIAZ feel at ease: *“I’ve got by breasts out, do you want to see them?”*; FERRE: *“earlier, when you were watching me?”*; GELMI, 15: Marie “showed herself” in her underclothes to encourage her to do the same thing, GOMES declared: she was a brunette with long hair, she showed all the parts of her body; GOUBERT, 13: Marie declared *“do the same as me, show yourself too”*, GUERIN, 13 *“you’ve seen mine”* (breasts), JUHEL, 13: he sent her photos to show her and the minor replied *“you are so beautiful”*; LACREUSE, 15: he sent her a video of a young girl masturbating and penetrating her vagina with a hairbrush, and she did the same; COET: he placed a video from a camera between the thighs of a young girl; DEROUCK, 13: sent her photos of “Camilla”; LECANUET, 11: to convince her to show her chest, sent her a video)

and he explained that he had used Manycam software to show either a black image or just any photo and he would use photos sent by minors and videos recorded without them knowing it;

- **he set no age limits** as among the identified victims, one was 10, six were 11, twelve were 12, 19 were 13, 32 were 14, 35 were 15, 28 were 16 and 11 were 17 (COURROY, 12: in February 2010, Marie got the young girl to masturbate in front of the camera; he said to her *“show a close-up, love, if you take an object like a deodorant, it makes me come... show me how it slips in... I’m sure you’re all wet, baby; stick it in”*; DEBERTRAND, 12: apologises for the poses and is traumatised; BAZIRE, 11; DEBAILLEUL, 10; ROSSET, 13; showed her tummy and her breasts for the competition, she said she had a 10-year-old sister and he asked her whether *“she is formed”* (whether she had breasts)

and he declared in custody and at the hearing that age was of little importance but that it was easier with the younger ones because they were more gullible;

- **he insisted heavily to get what he wanted** (BAZIRE, 11, said that her mother did not want her to take part in the competition and he became obscene after getting her to masturbate and asking her 6 times whether she was “wet”; DEBAILLEUL, 10: *“show me your breasts so that I can fill out your form”*; DIAKHABY, 11: *“show your chest”* because *“if your breasts have formed you have more chance of being chosen”*; BOUVROT, 13, CLAUDE, CORNARD to get to see their bare breasts, because “Marie” claimed that *“it’s important for some clothes, I have to see your tummy and the way your breasts are”* POIRIER, 15; ROMUALD, 12: for the competition, Fashion convinced her to undress and masturbate; COLLERY; LECANUET, 11: for the competition, the young girl said that she did not want to undress in front of another girl, that it was *“disrespectful”* and *“I do not want to talk about my sex life”*; he sent her a video and said to her *“look at my chest, tell me what you think ... do you like looking at me”*; he added *“I can ask a boy to look at you”*; LEGAY, 13: for the competition, he guided her for the positions, and she did them; he proposed to meet the photographer and asked her whether she drinks alcohol and whether she could have sex after having a drink; MAGGIO, 11: she told her she was afraid of paedophiles and refused to show her breasts; he insisted very heavily);
- **made threats to minors who refused to obey him** (LATTAY, 14: he asked her to lift up her t-shirt and show her chest and threatened to hack into her computer so that it wouldn’t work anymore, so she did what he asked; LEMARIE, 15, he threatened to put photos of her chest online if she refused to go any further, she begged him not to. He then answered *“stop talking and bargaining, it gets on my nerves, and if I lose my temper, I’ll put your photos on internet”*, the girl asked him several times to leave her alone and go and see other girls and he answered *“I’ll leave you alone when you have done the cam”*. Thinking that it would get rid of the girl, the young girl said: *“I’m on my period at the moment, I can’t do anything”*. He then declared *“show me, I want to check... I don’t trust you, I’m sure you are trying to lie. Show me your string so that I can see the tampax or tampon...”* A fortnight later, he contacted her again and said her photos were on a website ready to go online. He threatened her and said he would not put them online if she did a cam.
- **nothing could stop him, neither the intervention of a mother threatening to tell the police** (on 2 September 2009, Stéphane CARRE contacted Julie LASCHON. It was not the first exchange between the two e-mail addresses. Stéphane CARRE - pseudonym CELIB – thought we was in contact again with “Julie”, but it was her mother. She informed him that her daughter had attempted

to kill herself because of “*people like him*”. Feeling trapped, he tried to pretend he was called Alex. Informed by Julie’s mother that his case would be of interest to the police, he put an end to the connection, saying “*sorry, I’m off... the intelligence services can never wait*”...) **nor the fact of being caught out by a minor** (ALI PACHA noticed on 14 September 2010 that the video always started up at the same point each time, and understood the trick);

- **he was insensitive to the pain of the victims, and even perverse with** Miss ALLAIN who said to him that she had been raped. He asked her whether she had got some pleasure out of it, explaining that a girlfriend had “come” when she was being raped and then insisted that they have sex the first evening together, and also with Miss DEROUCK, 13, who told him she had been the victim of a sexual assault and was summoned to court the following week as a victim in the case. He answered “*Ah, the bastard, I was raped all the way, I understand how you feel*”... before asking her again to take her clothes off and show herself in front of the camera.

The investigation revealed the embarrassment and shame of having been naive at times, and the humiliation or even trauma felt by many victims at having gone along with it and on learning that their photographs and videos had been transmitted to a man and not to a 16-year-old girl, and sometimes had even been shown to other teenage girls.

Despite the fact that Stéphane CARRE had been placed in custody for the first time in October 2010, a lot of messaging, virtual encounter and discussion activity was found over the period from 16 August 2011 to 09 September 2011. Enrolments were made on several dating sites from a new e-mail address: [lasourisdu14@live.fr](mailto:lasourisdu14@live.fr). A conversation was also discovered on the BADOO dating site, dated 30/08/2011, during which Stéphane CARRE communicated with a young girl whose first name was AURELIE and who claimed to be 15. CARRE asked her whether she wanted to go and chat “*somewhere else*”. When the young girl did not answer, Stéphane CARRE sent her several more messages asking her questions.

During this period from 16 August 2011 to 09 September 2011, Stéphane CARRE re-used two of the 6 e-mail addresses he had used to facilitate his activities corrupting minors over the period from December 2005 to October 2010.

When he was questioned a second time in custody, Stéphane CARRE claimed that he had not “*started hunting again*” but did acknowledge that he had had “*an urge*” in August 2011 and had wanted to get in touch with girls again.

The offences of corruption of minors by a person coming into contact with the victim via an electronic network and of an adult making sexual propositions to a minor of 15 years using an electronic means of communication have been proven.

However, the offence of an adult making sexual propositions to a minor of 15 years using an electronic means of communication was created on 5 March 2007 and therefore the period taken into account for the charges must be shortened, taking only the period from 8 March 2007 to the month of April 2010, and Stéphane CARRE must therefore be discharged on this count for the single victim contacted prior to this period, Marine BOBON.

### ***On the possession of images of a minor of a pornographic nature***

On the computers used by Stéphane CARRE, a very large number of photographs and videos were found portraying minors in situations or having sexual behaviour of a pornographic nature.

Certain images portraying minors were obtained, according to the declarations of Stéphane CARRE, on e-mule image-sharing websites, with the others coming from the acts described above, contributing to corrupting the said minors and recording videos without their knowledge.

Stéphane CARRE indicated that the images concerned minors aged at least 12 years.

The offence of possession of paedo-pornographic images is perfectly characterised.

### ***On the acts of sexual assault***

Stéphane CARRE, after getting in touch via internet with two young girls aged 15 and 16 identified in the course of the procedure, managed to meet them. In custody, he declared that he had also met others.

In both these cases, the young girls had begun by chatting with a girl by the name of “Alexa” who, after winning their trust, had proposed to arrange for them to meet an 18-year-old boy by the name of Stéphane in order to have sex with him.

**Adeline COET** came into contact with Alexa in April 2008 via MSN. During their conversations, Alexa, who she came to see as a “*big sister*”, had proposed to her to meet a guy called Stéphane who could give her her first sexual relations in ideal conditions.

Adeline COET declared that in June 2008 at midday, she met Stéphane CARRE near Granville lighthouse. They sat on a bench that was not out of the way. After touching the hand and then breasts of the young girl, CARRE slipped his hand into her knickers. He grabbed the hand of Adeline COET and tried to get her to put it inside his underpants. She refused. He then inserted two fingers into the girl’s vagina, and then three. The young girl tried to remove Stéphane CARRE’s hand but he continued. She finally managed to pull herself free. He then accompanied her back to school. She was 15 years and 2 months old and declared that she did not want these things to happen. She also mentioned that she knew nothing about boys and would never have accepted to meet this man if it had not been for this “Alexa”. She said that Stéphane CARRE had said to her that he “*likes sleeping with virgins*”. When she was an adult, she filed a complaint after recognising Stéphane CARRE formally from a photograph.

In custody and at the hearing, Stéphane CARRE declared that Adeline COET trusted his female character and he explained “*that is what was twisted, because I could feel it. A relationship of trust had been created between us in a short space of time. But the end justifies the means. I accept that it is twisted to have people believe we have feelings to manipulate them all the better*”.

The declarations of the victim and of Stéphane CARRE show that the latter operated by surprise, or even by psychological constraint, by preparing her for the meeting and using the stratagem of this trusted friend Alexa who thus prepared her for the meeting and encouraged her to give in to him. Adeline COET was misled both regarding the person she was in contact with on internet and the man she met in person. Stéphane CARRE acknowledged at the hearing that if he had not misled the teenager and organised this preparation, he would never have met Adeline COET and committed the acts he was accused of.

**Ambrée GARDIE** got in touch with Alexa via MSN in July 2008. “Alexa” proposed to the young girl to arrange to have her meet a man named “Stéphane” and gave her some advice: she was to wear sexy clothing and let Stéphane “finger” her. She asked her how she would react if Stéphane touched her “pussy” and wanted to know if she drank alcohol and what she took to relax.

Ambrée GARDIE declared that she met Stéphane CARRE in Vire on 8 July 2008, her sixteenth birthday. They met in a fast-food restaurant before going to the swimming pool. She stated that once in the water, Stéphane CARRE expressed no interest in playing or swimming and that from the start, they kissed and then he fondled her buttocks and breasts, before suggesting several times that she go with him to the changing rooms to get a bit privacy. She refused. Then, as they were coming out of the pool, he asked her to come and get changed in the same cubicle as him and she again refused.

The MSN conversations between Ambrée GARDIE and Alexa show that Stéphane CARRE had obtained all the information he wanted about what she was prepared to accept on a first date and had prepared her psychologically for the meeting. To encourage her to give herself to the young man she was going to meet, he

praised his own qualities and convinced her that she would also be making the most of her sixteenth birthday. Making use of his different characters, “Stéphane” told her that he was not free on the planned day, but “Alexa” pushed Ambrée GARDIE to keep on insisting, discovering what she was prepared to let him do. It should therefore be considered that Stéphane CARRE made use of a form of psychological constraint, doubly misled Ambrée GARDIE and was only able to carry out his fondling of a sexual nature by surprise.

He is found guilty of sexual assault.

*On the sentence*

Stéphane CARRE met the same psychiatric expert on two occasions after each period in custody. The two psychiatric reports show that he did not reveal the full extent of the acts committed. In front of the expert, he denied having had the aim of meeting the teenagers, only acknowledging voyeuristic desires and claiming that he had drawn no pleasure from committing these acts, which proves to have been manifestly untrue when reading the MSN conversations. He thus manipulated an experienced psychiatric expert who would probably have detected his perverse character traits on the basis of the facts in the file, if Stéphane CARRE had not concealed his acts and his intentions.

Notwithstanding the absence of any prior convictions, given the serious nature of the facts and the long period of time during which they were committed, considering also that CARRE admits that he started well before the period not covered by the statute of limitations, the very large number of victims, some of them very young, the ability of Stéphane CARRE to use varied stratagems without any consideration for the victims, whose age was a matter of no importance to him, and his ability to mislead the expert in psychiatry, Stéphane CARRE must be condemned to a sentence of 5 years in prison, of which 1 year suspended, and a committal order is issued.

As an additional sentence, Stéphane CARRE shall be prohibited from carrying out any salaried or voluntary activity in contact with minors for a period of 10 years.

He shall also be subject to social and legal supervision for a duration of 5 years and liable for an additional sentence of 2 years in prison if he should fail to comply with a medical treatment order or with a prohibition on entering into contact with the victims or with any minors or on being seen in any places habitually visited by minors.