Bradford man jailed for 11 years after sexually abusing underage girl

This is a small gang, a partnership of two men really, but the same MO as the mass gangs, and the same trauma to the life of the girl. From the $\underline{\text{Telegraph and Argus}}$ and $\underline{\text{ITVX}}$

A MAN has been jailed for 11 years for sexually abusing an underage teenage girl and then perverting the course of justice by offering her money not to give evidence.



Komar Marden, 36, of Cecil Avenue was on trial at Bradford Crown accused of sexually abusing a child.

The victim, reported Marden to the police when she was 17 years old, claiming when she was younger he plied her with alcohol and cigarettes and abused her. He also threatened to tell her friends if she didn't do what he told her to.

Whilst waiting for the trial Marden got a friend, Hamaad

Nasser, to offer her money not to testify against him.

Marden, was found guilty and sentenced to 11 year in prison, 10 years for sexual activity with a child and one year for perverting the course of justice. His friend Hamaad Nasser 21, of Bargrange Avenue admitted perverting the course of justice and was sentenced to 12 months in prison.

Prosecutor Matthew Bean read a victim impact statement from the woman saying her life had been blighted by fear, shame and guilt. Mr Bean said that an aggravating feature of the case was that Mardan gave her alcohol before abusing her.

Detective Constable Polly Churchman of the Bradford District Child Vulnerable Exploitation Team said: "I welcome the sentence handed down. Mardan groomed and abused a vulnerable girl. Mardan took away the victims' teenage years and she said she never felt safe and always had to look over her shoulder. I hope today's sentence will give her some comfort and closure; I hope she now has the courage to rebuild her life. "

In mitigation for Naser, Michael Morley said his family and colleagues must be 'staring in amazement and horror' at the fact that he was in the dock connected to the case. He had no concept of the enormity of what he was doing when he committed the offence. He had made a phone call that 'laid a crystal clear trail of evidence right back to himself.' He did not appreciate what the wider case was about; only that Mardan did not want to go to prison.