Newcastle gang sentenced for raping and sexually assaulting girls

Four men convicted last year, sentenced today; North African Islamic heritage from their names I'd say. From <u>ITVX News</u>



two girls in Newcastle.

Omar Badreddin, Mohamad Badreddin, Huzaefa Alaboud and Hamoud Al-Soaimi were <u>convicted of multiple offences following a</u> <u>trial at Newcastle Crown Court last year.</u>

The assaults took place in 2018 and 2019 when the victims were aged between 12 and 14.

One victim, who was raped or assaulted by all four of the defendants between the ages of 13 and 14, told the court: "Because of them I feel I've been robbed of my childhood.

"I've been tortured by those men. They have hurt me in so many ways. These scars will be with me for life. But as well as being physically scarred, I'm emotionally scarred. Those scars are a constant reminder to me of what I have lived through."

The other girl, who was 12 when she was subjected to a sexual assault, said: "At times I would have angry outbursts in which I was unable to stop crying. I was so young at the time I didn't know how to cope or who to turn to."

The men were found guilty and sentenced as follows:

-Omar Badreddin, of Cowgate, was convicted of five counts of rape. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

-Mohamad Badreddin, also of Cowgate, was convicted of six counts of rape and one count of assault by penetration. He was jailed for 13 years.

-Huzaefa Alaboud, of Throckley was convicted of two counts of rape, assault by penetration and assault occasioning actual bodily harm and was jailed for five and a half years

-Hamoud Al-Soaimi, of Byker, who was 15 at the time, was convicted of three counts of sexual assault and assaulting a child under 13 by penetration. He walked free from court after being given a two-year suspended sentence.