## 'Passed around like a piece of meat': Five Telford men abused schoolgirl, court told

From the <u>BBC</u> and <u>refuse, Mr Sultan</u> would make threats against her and her family and claimed he would "burn the house down to the ground".

Jurors heard that this is how the girl came into contact with the first defendant, Mohammed Ali Sultan, 33, formerly from Telford.

Ms Heeley said: "Ali Sultan would take her to meet other men, in the same way Tanveer Ahmed had. Men would phone her and Ali Sultan and Tanveer Ahmed would make her answer, and do what the men wanted. The abuse took place at a number of locations, including above Perfect Pizza and in a churchyard in Wellington, amongst others. Ali Sultan would verbally abuse her, calling her a slag, and on occasions slap her, or pull her hair."

On a later occasion he allegedly raped her, coercing her into repeatedly meeting up by threatening to tell people at her school what she was doing.

In video evidence the victim recounted two years of "hell", in which she repeatedly contemplated taking her own life as she was traded to different men almost every day for "months and months".

The jury of six men and six women were told Ali Sultan already had convictions in both 2012 and 2015 for "similar offences against young girls".

38-year-old Amjad Hussain, of Acacia Drive, Leegomery, Telford ... accused of forcing her to perform a sex act on two separate

occasions.

A third man, 35-year-old Shafiq Younas, of Regent Street, Wellington, is accused of orally raping the youngster in the same churchyard in Wellington.

Another male, Nazam Akhtar, 35, of Victoria Avenue, Wellington, has been charged with rape, in an incident in which the girl was allegedly driven to a lane in a car along with Ali Sultan, Hussain and another male.

Mohammad Rizwan, of Mafeking Road, Telford, who jurors heard also worked at Perfect Pizza ... allegedly forced the girl to perform sex acts and is facing two charges of indecent assault. The jury were told Rizwan, 37, will claim in his defence he and the victim had a consensual relationship, when she was aged 17.

The men deny any wrongdoing. The trial continues.