## Teenage girl became 'used to being used as a sex thing', Rochdale abuse trial told

"All these men knew I was underage," Girl A said From the Manchester Evening News

The trial of eight men, accused of a series of sexual offences allegedly committed against two girls in Rochdale between 2001 and 2006, continued at Minshull Street Crown Court.



Mohammed Zahid, Arfan Khan and Mushtaq Ahmed pictured arriving at Minshull Street Crown Court (Image: M.E.N.)

0 nWednesd ay (Feb 26) jurors were told about a n email which Girl A wrote in 2016 which was shared

with police, in which she made a number of allegations.

In the email, she wrote about an alleged incident in which she said she was filmed while being sexually abused. She alleged that 'Zero', an alleged nickname for taxi driver Mr Shahzad — which he denies is him — invited her to a 'sesh' with two friends, Mr Akram and Mr Hussain.

She claimed Mr Shahzad gave her an ecstasy pill, which she took, before he drove to a quiet road in Rochdale. Girl A said that they were 'having a laugh' for a while before Mr Shahzad allegedly told her to take her clothes off.

She claimed that Mr Shahzad began 'pulling' her clothes off. "I told them to stop but they were just laughing," Girl A said. "I started laughing because I didn't want to cry." Prosecutors allege that Mr Hussain took a video of Mr Shazhad abusing her.

They claimed that after this, Mr Shahzad told Girl A to have sex with him and Mr Akram, or the video would be distributed. Jurors have been told that Girl A was allegedly raped by Mr Shazhad and Mr Akram on that occasion, and that the video was later sent on to other people. Girl A wrote in the email: "Everyone I knew in Rochdale either had the video or had seen it off someone else.

"They raped me yet I am the one that's in the wrong. They ruined my life and reputation. All these men knew I was underage. They knew what school I was at."

Asked by the interviewing officer how she felt after the alleged abuse, Girl A said: "There' no feeling there really, to be quite honest. It was just something that happened. By that point I had just got used to being used as a sex thing really."

Girl B has also given evidence, as reported by the <u>Manchester</u> <u>Evening News</u>

A second alleged victim in the Rochdale sex abuse trial told the police she felt 'obliged to have sex' with men.

Girl A told police about her allegations in video recorded interviews, which are being played to the jury in the trial of eight men accused of sexual offences in the town. The offences were allegedly committed against two girls between 2001 and

2006.

The girls were 'passed around' for sex before being 'discarded', it is alleged.

She (Girl A) added that her friend 'had sex' with his friend, before they all continued drinking. She also said that he was aware of her age and she was wearing her school uniform when she met him.

In a second video interview, she described first meeting Mr Shazhad and said he was 'very loud, outgoing and bubbly'. "He just asked if he could have my number and we swapped numbers. It was nothing sexual, it was like he was an actual friend at first," she said.

"He then asked me to suck his  $d^{**}k$ , it made me freeze. I felt obliged to do it."

The trial continues.