

Steven's Story



Steven is 16 and he lives in Papua New Guinea.

One day, he was arrested for pick-pocketing. When they arrested him, the police beat him and made him bleed. Then they drove him around the town telling people that he was a pick-pocket.

The police took Steven to the police station and put him in a cell with lots of adult men. The cell was very smelly and there was no water or medicine.

Story adapted from 'Making Their Own Rules,' (2005) a Human Rights Watch report on police violence against children in Papua New Guinea. Available at www.hrw.org.

Which of Steven's rights are not being respected?

What could these people do to change this...

The police?

The government?

Steven's family?

Anyone else?

About us

These materials have been developed by the Children are Unbeatable! Alliance and the Churches' Network for Non-violence (CNNV), in conjunction with the CNNV 2009-10 roadshow: **Growing up without violence – Ending legalised violence against children**. The roadshow aims to reflect landmark events in children's rights in 2009 and to further the movement to end all forms of violence against children including corporal punishment.

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