

Appendix 1: Reasons for exclusion of the prosecutorial case files, with reference to number of cases, n

Appendix 2: Variables distributed on inclusion

Inclusion and child gender

	Male	Female
Included	145	502
Not included	22	87

Chi-square test: P = 0.601

Inclusion and child age

	0-3 years old	4-7 years old	8-11 years old	12-15 years old
Included	149	128	111	259
Not included	27	16	18	46

Chi square test: P = 0.675

Inclusion and child ethnicity

	Danish	Non-Danish	Danish/Non-Danish
Included	483	84	80
Not included	81	17	11

Chi square test: P = 0.644

Inclusion and child maternal employment

	Unemployed	Employed	In education
Included(%)	174 (55)	122 (39)	19 (6)
Not included(%)	6 (22)	18 (67)	3 (11)

Chi square test: P = 0.005

Inclusion and suspect gender

	Male	Female
Included	502	78
Not included	69	9

Chi square test: P = 0.641

Inclusion and suspect age

Included , median [1st quartile, 3rd quartile]: 25.7 [17.3 40.4]

Not included, median [1st quartile, 3rd quartile]: 36.3 [24.0 45.2]

Wilcoxon rank sum test: P = 0.001

Inclusion and suspect ethnicity

	Danish	Non-Danish	Danish/Non-Danish
Included	452	126	2
Not included	65	13	0

Chi square test: P = 0.506

Inclusion and suspect employment

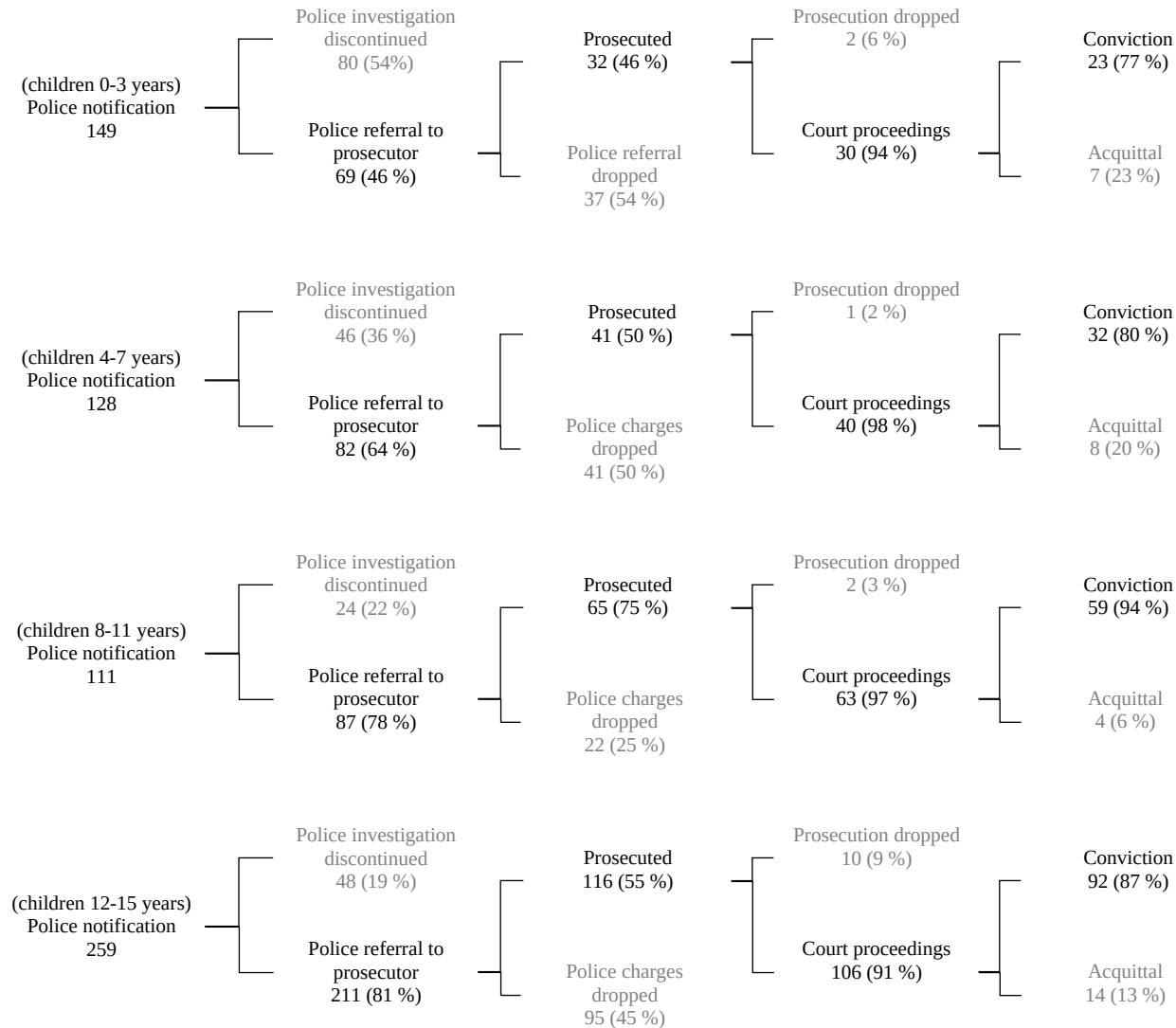
	Unemployed	Employed	In education
Included(%)	116 (37)	88 (28)	113 (36)
Not included(%)	5 (29)	9 (53)	3 (18)

Chi square test: P 0.073

Appendix 3: Characteristics of the potential suspect

	The Cohort N = 647 (%)	0 – 3 years n = 149 (%)	4 – 7 years n = 128 (%)	8 – 11 years n = 111 (%)	12 – 15 years n = 259 (%)	P-value
Potential suspect in the case:						
Yes	580 (90)	130 (87)	119 (93)	101 (91)	230 (89)	.415
No	67 (10)	19 (13)	9 (7)	10 (9)	29 (11)	
The child's relation to the suspect:						
Biological mother	66 (11)	37 (28)	16 (13)	8 (8)	5 (2)	< .001
Biological father	148 (26)	58 (45)	39 (33)	27 (26)	24 (10)	
Stepfather	64 (11)	7 (5)	10 (8)	19 (19)	28 (12)	
Remaining family	40 (7)	2 (2)	10 (8)	19 (19)	9 (4)	
Foster family/Teacher/Coach	25 (4)	10 (8)	8 (7)	3 (3)	4 (2)	
Friend of the family/child	224 (39)	16 (12)	34 (29)	21 (21)	153 (67)	
Unknown	13 (2)	0	2 (2)	4 (4)	7 (3)	
Suspect gender:						
Male	502 (87)	85 (65)	100 (84)	93 (92)	224 (97)	< .001
Female	78 (13)	45 (35)	19 (16)	8 (8)	6 (3)	
Suspect ethnicity: ^a						
Danish	452 (78)	107 (82)	89 (75)	82 (81)	174 (75)	.586
Non-Danish	126 (21)	23 (18)	29 (24)	19 (19)	55 (24)	
Danish/Non-Danish	2 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	
Suspect age at police notification:						
Mean (SD)	32 (13.5)	33 (9.9)	34 (12.8)	35 (15.1)	29 (14.3)	
Median	31	31	35	36	24	

^aDanish: Danish origin, Non-Danish: other origin than Danish, including Nordic, Danish/Non-Danish: parents with both Danish and non-Danish origin.



Appendix 4: The judicial case flow in relation to the age of the child victim, specifying the number of cases, n (%)

Appendix 5: Arguments for the judicial case resolution

The accused's confession of guilt	The accused confesses guilt The accused partially confesses guilt The accused's testimony is unworthy and contradictory The accused ought to have known that the child was under the age of 15 years
The accused's denial of guilt	The accused denies guilt
Credibility surrounding the child	The child's disclosure is credible and coherent Police notification was made immediately after the incident
Lack of credibility surrounding the child	The child's disclosure is uncertain and changing The child's disclosure has been compromised The child does not appear to be mentally affected by the incident The child has previously made false accusations The child is known for making fictional stories for attention
Corroborating evidence	Injuries detected during the forensic medical examination Traumatic injuries detected during hospitalization DNA evidence Technical evidence Documented image material
No corroborating evidence	Conflicting testimonies No witnesses No injuries detected during the forensic medical examination No DNA evidence No technical evidence The case is based solely on the child's disclosure No sure cause of the injuries detected can be determined The death can be due to natural causes
Supportive information	Witnesses Investigative information
Expert opinion	Forensic testimony Forensic opinion report Statement from the Danish National Medico-Legal Council Paediatric testimony Medical opinion report
Fault cannot be placed	It cannot be determined when the incident occurred It cannot be proven that the accused committed the assault It cannot be proven who of the accused, or both, committed the assault Pending custody case Years of dispute over custody An instinctive act Disease has worsened the outcome for the child HIV is no longer considered to be a life threatening disease
No evidence of compulsion	Were in a sexual relationship prior to the incident

	<p>Were in a loving relationship prior to the incident</p> <p>The child voluntarily accompanied the accused to his home</p> <p>Tiny age difference between the child and the accused</p> <p>The accused could not have known that the girl was under the age of 15 years</p> <p>The child did not oppose the assault</p> <p>No evidence of compulsion</p> <p>Long period between the incident and the police notification</p>
<p>No case to pursue</p>	<p>No reasonable assumption that a criminal offense has been committed</p> <p>Nothing in the police investigation indicates child abuse</p> <p>It cannot be determined what occurred</p> <p>The child's testimony does not indicate child abuse</p> <p>The child cannot remember anything</p> <p>The child refuses to speak</p> <p>The child refuses to participate in a forensic medical examination</p> <p>The perpetrator cannot be identified</p> <p>The accused was seriously ill at the alleged time of the incident</p> <p>The child states the disclosure as false</p> <p>The accused has committed suicide</p> <p>The accused has departed the country and will not return</p>
<p>Alleviating circumstances surrounding the accused</p>	<p>The accused is under the age of 15 years</p> <p>The accused had just turned 15 years at the time of the incident</p> <p>The accused's young age</p> <p>The accused's impaired mental development</p> <p>The accused's personal background</p> <p>The circumstances surrounding the incident</p>

Appendix 6: Arguments for the judicial sentencing

Aggravating circumstances surrounding the abuse	<p>The nature of the abuse</p> <p>The frequency of the abuse</p> <p>The duration period of the abuse</p> <p>The hazard of the abuse</p> <p>The abuse was committed against a defenceless infant</p> <p>Violence with no reasonable cause</p> <p>Systematic abuse of a child</p> <p>The abuse was photographed</p> <p>Extensive distribution, forever available online</p> <p>Huge age difference between the child and the accused</p> <p>The child's young age</p> <p>The child's impaired mental development</p> <p>The abuse have had consequences for the child</p> <p>The accused got access to the child through his work</p>
Alleviating circumstances surrounding the abuse	<p>Isolated incident</p> <p>The abuse has not been committed continuously for the specified period</p> <p>The child's unjustified behaviour</p> <p>The abuse was committed under the influence of alcohol</p> <p>The abuse was committed in frustration</p> <p>The child has not sustained significant injuries</p> <p>The child has not sustained permanent injuries</p> <p>Tiny age difference between the child and the accused</p>
A serious breach of trust	<p>The abuse was committed against a biological child</p> <p>The accused is the child's primary caregiver</p> <p>The child and the accused are siblings</p> <p>Family relation between the child and the accused</p> <p>The accused was entrusted with the care of the child</p> <p>The accused was entrusted with the teaching of the child</p> <p>The abuse was committed in a kindergarten</p> <p>A serious breach of trust</p> <p>Neglect</p>
No evidence of compulsion	<p>The incident happened at the child's request</p> <p>No evidence of compulsion</p> <p>Both the child and the accused were under the influence of alcohol</p> <p>The child and the accused were in a loving relationship</p>
Aggravating circumstances surrounding the accused	<p>The accused had intend</p> <p>The motive was revenge</p> <p>The abuse was an exploitation of physical and psychological superiority</p> <p>The accused used alcohol to lure young people</p> <p>The accused is a threat to society</p> <p>Repetition of a violent crime against a defenceless infant</p> <p>Repetition of a violent crime</p> <p>Repetition of a serious sexual crime</p>
Alleviating circumstances surrounding the accused	<p>The accused's personal situation</p>

	<p>The accused's young age</p> <p>The accused's high age</p> <p>The accused has a mental illness</p> <p>No previous criminal offences</p> <p>Abuse treatment started immediately</p> <p>The accused did not have intend</p> <p>The accused brought the child to hospital</p> <p>The accused was under the age of 15 years during most of the offences</p> <p>The accused is the child's only family</p>
<p>Various other conditions</p>	<p>Long period of detention prior to conviction</p> <p>The accused is in need of psychiatric treatment</p> <p>Unconditional imprisonment will ruin the accused's specialised career</p> <p>The accused has no belongings to his country of origin</p> <p>The child will be grown up at the time for the release of the accused</p> <p>The accused himself has been violated during this case</p> <p>The incident have had consequences for the accused</p>
<p>Legislative changes</p>	<p>Recent law practice</p> <p>Reinforcement of the current law</p>