



Sexual Offences Act 1956

1956 CHAPTER 69

PART I

OFFENCES, AND THE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

Abduction

18 Fraudulent abduction of heiress from parent or guardian

- (1) It is felony for a person to take or detain a girl under the age of twenty-one out of the possession of her parent or guardian against his will, if she has property or expectations of property and is so taken or detained by fraud and with the intention that she shall marry or have unlawful sexual intercourse with that or any other person.
- (2) In the foregoing subsection, the reference to a girl's expectations of property relates only to property of a person to whom she is next of kin or one of the next of kin, "property" includes any interest in property and "guardian" means any person having the lawful care or charge of the girl.