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Activity: Research

Hearsay evidence

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- understand how hearsay evidence might be used in a criminal case.

A. Using the article, answer questions 1 to 7 that follow.

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/surrey-mans-prison-sentence-sets-14234328>

1. Why is this case so unusual?
 2. Why did the victim not give a statement?
 3. What did Saunders do to his partner?
 4. How was Saunders brought to justice?
 5. What did the judge say about the hearsay evidence?
 6. According to Michelle Bunson, why is this an important domestic abuse case?
 7. What is a key element of coercive control?
- B. Why do you think hearsay evidence is important in a case like this?