



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Mother trailed by policeman and warned by council for telling off son at checkout By Jonathan Petre Mail on Sunday 8th November 2009

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A mother who reprimanded her children at a supermarket was secretly followed by an off-duty policeman and interrogated by fellow officers who reported her to social services.

The 34-year-old, who has had no previous problems with the police, was horrified when she was visited at home by two uniformed officers **six weeks after the incident**. They said she had been seen by the off-duty officer who had trailed the family to their house – a 15-minute walk away – to get their address.

Under surveillance: A policeman followed the mother to her home (file picture)

During the visit, the officers asked the mother what forms of discipline she imposed on her 11-year-old son and four-year-old daughter.

When she admitted she occasionally gave them a smack 'as a last resort', they advised her to stick to the alternative methods she already used, such as withdrawing treats and banning television.

She later received a letter from the local council informing her that the 'chastisement' of her children in public had been put 'on record'

Read more: <http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-1226056/Mother-trailed-policeman-warned-council-telling-son-checkout.html#ixzz0WHzp2oRU>

The PPP comments .. It is difficult to believe how distorted the priorities of our Police forces have become. The reality is that these are the same people who fail the vulnerable in their communities so badly that they commit suicide or are beaten to death by yobs on their doorsteps. Where the CPS release murderers and pedophiles back onto our streets to kill and abuse again and again. Where the so called sex offenders register is paid lip service to by officers who are too busy interfering in the work of road sweepers and social workers. Only when a case of corporate manslaughter is brought against a Police Force by those so neglected will they review their responsibilities via their beloved risk assessments !. Have they ever read the original Police Principles rather than their wordy 'reassuring' police pledge that they have the nerve to lecture us about!

The 1829 Principles are at ...

www.properpolicing.org.uk/articles/The%20Nine%20Principles%20of%20Policing.pdf