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3rd Degree: House of Horrors
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Jenny and Ken van der Merwe were known as the Angels of East London running a home for HIV positive and underprivileged children. Donations poured into House on the Rock over the years and no one suspected anything was wrong.

And then in December last year volunteers at the home could no longer keep silent. Allegations of horrific child abuse were revealed as stories of beatings, favouritism and neglect began to pour out from volunteers and staff. Gloves were forbidden from being worn when treating HIV positive children and they were not allowed to be held and comforted often left to lie sick and suffering.

Even stranger, the children being forbidden to talk in their mother tongue, Xhosa, their names changed to van der Merwe. And parents were refused access to their children. It was as if the home was being run with overtones of a cult.

The department of Social development finally put an investigation team in place to find out if the allegations were true.

This week 3rd Degree unravels this tragic story and reveals eye witness testimony of what happened at House on the Rock - and what has happened to the couple who had caused all the damage.