Man murdered step-grandfather when he saw him 'having sex' with his mother

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A man who murdered his step-grandfather after seeing him "appearing to have sex" with his mother has been jailed for life.

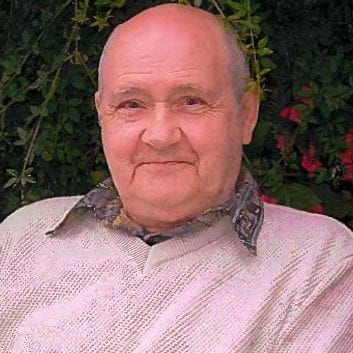
Michael McDonald, 25, "lost control" when he saw his mother Terri Hurry, 42, apparently having  sex with her 78-year-old father-in-law, Brian Hurry, a court heard.

Mr Hurry died from head injuries after being repeatedly hit with the metal bar of a dumbbell at his home in Great Baddow, [Essex](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/essex/).

Jurors were told McDonald had lured his step-grandfather into a bathroom, where he hit him numerous times with the object.

McDonald, of Chelmsford, will serve a minimum of 17 years in prison after being convicted of the murder in June last year.

Essex Police said the court was told that it was seeing his mother "apparently having sex" with Mr Hurry that led McDonald to "lose control".



Brian Hurry died after being repeatedly hit with the metal bar of a dumbbell CREDIT: ESSEX POLICE

Det Ch Insp Martin Pasmore, of the [Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/crime/), said: "Brian Hurry was an innocent victim, who was subjected to a brutal attack by a trusted family member.

“The defendants have not shown any remorse and will now have ample time to reflect on their actions. This has been an extremely traumatic investigation for Mr Hurry's family, who have lost a dearly loved father in the most appalling way.

"My thoughts remain very much with them and while nothing will bring him back, now the court proceedings are over, I hope they can somehow start to rebuild their lives.”

McDonald had previously admitted manslaughter, but denied murder. He was convicted after a five-week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

McDonald's mother, of Galleywood, was earlier cleared of murder, but the jury found her guilty of perverting the course of justice. She was jailed for three-and-a-half years.



Terri Hurry was jailed for perverting the course of justice CREDIT: ESSEX POLICE

Anna Blackwell, McDonald's 21-year-old girlfriend, of Chelmsford, previously admitted a charge or perverting the course of justice.

She had given a false alibi, claiming her boyfriend was with her at the time of the murder. Blackwell was given an 18-month jail term, suspended for two years, and a community order for 100 hours. She was also ordered to pay £500 court costs.