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By TOM BRYANT
TWO gay Doctor Who executives sexually abused young fans visiting the BBC studio, it is claimed.
Producer John Nathan-Turner and Gary Davies preyed on teens in the 80s, former worker Richard Manson says. He said of Nathan-Turner: "He liked getting off with young guys." A judge is probing the claims.
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STILL reeling from the Jimmy Savile sex scandal, the BBC was last night rocked by more claims of sleaze among its ranks.

Former Blue Peter boss Richard Marson has alleged one-time producer John Nathan-Turner and his partner Gary Dawkins sexually abused starry-eyed young male fans visiting the studio during the 80s.

And he claimed Nathan-Turner once engaged in a sexual act in his BBC office while talking on the phone to Blue Peter editor Biddy Baxter who was unaware of what was happening.

Mr Marson says in a new book the Doctor Who executive and his sidekick’s victims were mostly in their teens and under 21 - the homosexual age of consent at the time.

The BBC has now launched a probe into the allegations that will be led by Turner Court of Appeal judge Dame Janet Smith, who is heading a review into the case against pervert Savile.

Mr Marson makes the allegations in a new book about Nathan-Turner that contains “things it will be difficult for Doctor Who fans to read”.

He claims the producer, known as JNT, made a pass at him when he was a 17-year-old, working on the Doctor Who magazine. He said: “It happened after the first time I was invited up to go and see a recording of the show, and he just got a bit frisky shall we say. It was a bit taken aback, I was only 17 and at the time he famously said to me. ‘You’re so provincial’. And of course I was freaked out.”

Mr Marson said he came from Bishop’s Stortford, and was not really prepared for anything really sophisticated.” Nathan-Turner, who produced Doctor Who from 1980 to 1989, died in 2002 aged 54 after a short illness. He enjoyed a close relationship with fans, regularly giving interviews to fanzines and attending conventions.

But Mr Marson said: “What you had was a promiscuous gay bloke who had the opportunity to meet a lot of people and like getting it on with you. I don’t think he was predatory, particularly. I don’t think he forced him - he was unwilling.

“I was much more cautious about Gary’s character. He just went with the flow. I was a party… I’ll try on and if somebody says yes, that’s up to them. I have a less benevolent view of Gary.”

Mr Marson also describes an encounter with Downie, a production manager on the show, in a BBC lift which ended with him fleeing and hiding under a desk.

He said Downie, who died in 2006, called good looking Dr Who fans “naive barkers”. Mr Marson, a former BBC producer, said his book, JNT: The Life and Scandalous Times of John Nathan-Turner, is due out in May.

He also claims he was wealthy fan, in exchange for visits to the studio and the occasional souvenir from the set, kept Nathan-Turner supplied with escorts.

In an interview last year, Doctor Who ‘superfan’ Ian Levine, said the book’s contents would “shock many people, things went on that were horrible, corrupt, too awful to discuss”. The BBC last night confirmed Dame Janet will investigate the claims as part of her wide-ranging review into the Corporation. A spokesman said: “We can’t comment on individual cases but allegations of this nature are extremely serious. We have set up the Dame Janet

NIGHTMARE FOR THE BEEF

THE BBC is reeling from a series of scandals, after the storm over serial sex predator Jimmy Savile.

An investigation is examining whether BBC bosses ignored warnings the Jim’ll Fix it host, who also worked as a Radio 1 DJ, abused some victims on its premises. Director General George Entwistle quit in November over “unacceptable journalistic standards” after a Newsnight report wrongly accused Lord McAlpine of child abuse. And ex-Radio 1 DJ Dave Lee Travis faces two groping allegations and 11 other sex claims. He denies them all.

Richard Marson review to help us understand how alleged incidents of this nature could have been committed. And so we can avoid them happening ever again.

Nathan-Turner was Doctor Who’s longest-serving producer. He worked on the show for 20 years with six different doctors. He joined as a floor assistant in 1969 when Patrick Troughton was the Time Lord and became producer during Tom Baker’s stint in the TARDIS.

At the new boss he cost Peter Davison, Colin Baker and Sylvester McCoy as the doctor. He also arranged for a Doctor Who sketch to air on Jim’ll Fix It.

Doctor Who, starring Matt Smith, returns to our screens this Saturday.

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