

**L**AST week, 16-year-old Amos Yee was arrested and charged for his now-infamous video. His mother is understood to have reported him to the police.

While cases of juvenile delinquency are common, it is not often that parents are forced to call the cops on their children.

Joy Lim, assistant director of Youth Service Centre (Toa Pay-

# Calling the cops on junior

oh), run by the Singapore Children's Society, says: "It is a dilemma for parents with these kids. It is a difficult decision for them initially, but they come to realise that they have run out of

options to control their children.

"Either they condone their behaviour and the children turn out to be bad people, or they decide to grapple with the root of the problem and get help from the au-

thorities."

Known as a Beyond Parental Control (BPC) order, it is meant for children below 16 years of age who display behavioural problems at school or at home.

Desperate parents can file a BPC complaint against their child at the Juvenile Court as a last resort.

Last year, there were 66 BPC cases: 40 involved girls and 26 involved boys.

These can be cases of truancy, runaways, underage sex and, in rare cases, violence against the family, says Ms Lim, who has 13 years' experience in social work.

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