

Mother arrested for throwing child into Delta river

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A young lady, Ms Blessing Ibuku, was among the over 30 suspects paraded by the Delta State Police Command on Tuesday for being involved in crimes such as robbery, kidnapping, cultism, and murder, among others, while also recovering 150 arms, including 32 AK-47 rifles.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abaniwonda Okufemi, while briefing journalists at the command's headquarters in

Asaba, said Ibuku was arrested for killing her 10-month-old baby, Prevail Jonathan, who she threw into a community river because she was mocked for being fatherless.

Olufemi noted that the arrests and recoveries were part of the command's efforts to combat crime since he assumed office as the 22nd Commissioner of Police in February 2024.

"These suspects were arrested in the past month. While we have faced challenges,

the support of other security agencies, stakeholders, and the good people of Delta State has enabled us to restore peace to a reasonable extent," he said.

One of the cases highlighted was the tragic death of a 10-month-old baby, Prevail Jonathan, reported missing on December 4, 2024.

The police later recovered the child's lifeless body from the Aviara community river.

During the investigation, the baby's mother, Blessing Ibuku, confessed to throwing her child

into the river on November 31, 2024.

According to her confession, she acted due to mockery from friends who teased her about the child being fatherless.

The suspect is currently in custody, and investigations are ongoing.

Also on November 27, 2024, the CP said the command acted on a distress call regarding a kidnapping incident along DLA Road in Asaba.

Four hoodlums operating in a Toyota Camry with registration

number BLF 490 AA abducted a man and a woman and stole a Toyota Camry belonging to one of the victims.

The command's Special Anti-Kidnapping and Cyber Crime Squad led by its commander, tracked the suspects to the Asaba-Benin Expressway.

Although the kidnappers had released the victims, they abandoned their operational vehicle upon sighting the police and fled into a nearby bush.

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