

Police parade 80-year-old man for allegedly defiling 11-year-old girl, 24 other suspects

...17-year-old boy kidnap, kill 5-year-old in Jos

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The Plateau State Police Command yesterday in Jos paraded an 80-year-old man for allegedly defiling an 11-year-old child in his room, among 24 other suspects.

Parading the suspects, the Commissioner of Police in the state, CP Julius Okoro, said all the arrests were made possible through intelligence gathering.

He said, "On 09/10/2023,

we received information that one Peter Ashom, an 80-year-old man lured an 11-year-old girl into his room and attempted to have carnal knowledge of her under the pretense of sending her on an errand.

"Other sets of suspects are kidnappers; a kingpin among them is a 17-year-old school dropout who killed a five-year-old in his neighbourhood in Gyel, Jos South Local Government Area.

The Police Commissioner said the kidnappers demanded N5 million, but the parents paid N400,000 through an ac-

count of a woman who happened to be the mother of the kingpin kidnapper.

"On 13/10/2023 at about 0900hrs, the Anti-Kidnapping Unit, Jos received a phone call that one Dawon Pam 'm' 5-year-old is missing and that all search throughout the night proved abortive. But that in the morning of 14/10/2023 at about 0540hrs, a pair of shoes belonging to the victim was found close to a handwritten note stating that, 'If he wants his child, he should give N5,000,000.00 and that he should not call them, but he should send a text message through the phone number below.

"The below GSM phone number was attached: 08186135490. Upon receipt of the report, a team of Police operatives led by SP Okala Ugbede swung into action and was able to trace the kidnappers on 23/10/2023 and arrested one of the culprits, Elijah Anthony 'm' aged 17yrs of the same address, who upon interrogation admitted and confessed to have conspired with one AKA Malic 'm' of no fixed address and kidnapped the victim from his father's compound to an uncompleted building in the community where they kept him and tied his mouth with elastic dural cloth to stop him from shouting.

Edo CP decorates 11 newly promoted officers

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The Edo State Commissioner of Police, Muhammed Dankwara, yesterday decorated 11 newly promoted officers of the command on behalf of the Acting Inspector General of Police, IGP Olokayode Egbetokun.

Decorating the officers, CP Dankwara, said, "the police find you worthy of promotion, but you should know that it comes with more responsibility."

Dankwara admonished the officers to guide their

rank jealously by doing the right thing and also to be good ambassador of the police. "Now you have been promoted to a higher rank, you have to be careful because there are some ranks that when you make a mistake, it may be overlooked, but it is different with your new ranks. The more you go higher the more you would be watched by other officers and members of the public."

Responding on behalf of the promoted officers, ACP Margret Oyakhire, commended the IGP and Police Service Commission for finding them worthy of the new ranks.