

Police Expose New Trend In Kidnapping Ladies



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Cynthia Osokogu



Salome Adaidu



Lagos

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The Lagos State Police Command has uncovered a new trend of kidnapping, called 'Constructive Kidnap' by kidnappers posing as Internet friends and lovers.

This sinister scheme has already caught up with 16 ladies from various parts of the state, who were fortunate to be rescued.

In 'Constructive kidnapping', the abductor's modus operandi according to the Commissioner of Police Laiyemi, is as cunning as it is ruthless.

The victim feels like they've 'arrived,' unaware that it's all a ruse. "I've rescued at least 16 ladies from this. Kidnappers mess the ladies up, seize their phones, transfer their money, and contact their relatives to demand ransom from the victim if their demands aren't met.

It's termed 'constructive' because the victims unwittingly walk into the trap set for them. However, we're not

14-year-old

The Police boss also explained how a 14-year-old girl with an undisclosed identity who was reported to have been with her boyfriend's abode, with a baby.

"On January 8, 2025, a complainant reported that her daughter Anuoluwapo Victoria, 14-years-old left home on January 9, 2025, she received a phone call and an account was sent for her to pay ransom for the release of her daughter.

"They have been sending money to the account until we were able to apprehend her and her boyfriend on January 10, 2025, with a baby."

Cynthia Osokogwu

On July 21, 2012, 24-year-old, Cynthia Osokogwu, who was the last child and only daughter of her parents, met a man she met on social media platform, Facebook Osokogwu who was a post graduate student then at Lagos by one Nwanbufo, 37, whom she met on Facebook.

She was drugged and murdered in Cosmilla Hotel, Lakeview Estate, Festac Town, where she was lodged. She owned a boutique in Keffi, the Nasarawa State capital, travelled from Abuja to Lagos to meet a man, who made a proposal for her.

On arrival in Lagos, she was picked up at the Murtala Muhammad International Airport, Ikeja to the hotel where she was strangled, while her assailants made away with her phones, money and other personal belongings.

After almost a month of searching for her, one of the culprits accidentally answered a call on her phone and a missing person's report was filed. Her corpse was subsequently traced to the morgue.

During the investigation, four people were arrested, they include Olisaeloka Ezike, 23, and Okwuno Nwabunwa, 24, and the Facebook friends.

It was learnt that a 21-year-old female student of the Kwara State College of Health Technology, Mojisola act as a girlfriend for another private university student at a party for the sum of N15,000.

The incident occurred on August 20, 2024, the lady was found dead at a refuse dump in the Aleniboro are incident was reported to the police.

The remains of the lady was found by some labourers at a refuse dump in the area, which prompted polic the body, which was identified as Awesu, before being deposited at a morgue.

Gospel musician

Early this week the Nasarawa State Police Command arrested, a gospel singer, Timilehin Ajayi, for allegedec old girlfriend, Salome Enejo, a member of the National Youth Service Corps, for suspected ritual purposes

It was learnt that the deceased was a corps member serving in Abuja before she was brutally murdered b

The suspect, Ajayi, was apprehended by church members on Sunday, January 12, 2025, in Orozo, a comn Territory, Abuja and Nasarawa State after he was found carrying a polybag containing the severed head o

The victim was said to have visited the gospel artist when argument ensued between them and he killed l

The church's Bible Study Teacher and General Secretary, Caleb Umaru, explained that a member had noti

He claimed that the said member alerted others when Ajayi threw a bag into the river, which was later retri severed head.

Umaru said, "It was just before the end of the service, around 11 a.m., during the final pledge and prayers. his eyes during the prayers and noticed someone walking suspiciously by the river near the church, carryi

His movements caught Victor's attention, prompting him to call over Brother Amos to take notice as well. nylon bag into the river, and when they enquired from him what he threw into the river, he said nothing.

After many questions that he didn't answer, they left him and went back, but didn't go into the church."

Umaru disclosed that the suspect attempted to flee the scene after he was repeatedly asked to open the apprehended in a farm area and before he was handed over to the police, who arrived at the scene just in

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Police react

CP Ishola however, urged young women to be mindful and cautious while dealing with friends they meet online. She advised them to be mindful of the friends they socialise with and to exercise caution, particularly when dealing with people on other social media platforms.

"I want to warn members of the public, especially ladies to be cautious when interacting with strangers or when they see something suspicious, they should report it to the police."