

# PROJECT: KIDNAPPING

Under South African law, kidnapping consists of unlawfully or intentionally depriving a person of their liberty of movement or, in the case of a minor, depriving a parent or recognised guardian of their control over the child.

During the nine months from April to December 2022, the South African Police Service (SAPS) recorded 11 702 kidnappings, which surpassed the annual figure of 10 826 from March 2021 to April 2022.

In the past 10 years, kidnappings rocketed by 183% from 3 832 in 2012/13 to 10 826 in 2021/22.

# **EXAMPLES OF KIDNAPPING:**

- Child abduction.
- Basic kidnapping.
- · Express kidnapping.
- Virtual kidnapping.
- Ideological kidnapping (including by terrorists).

# **CHILD ABDUCTION:**

- Children frequently become pawns in divorce cases.
- Parents might decide to go against the divorce judgement and either bring the child/children back later than was agreed upon or not bring them back at all.
- This type of kidnapping comprises many cases opened in South Africa.

# **DRUG-RELATED KIDNAPPINGS:**

- Only a few cases where drug money is owed, are opened at the SAPS.
- As soon as the addict cannot pay for the drug money owed, parents or family are contacted, and the drug traffickers hold the addict for the debt to be settled.

## THEFT-RELATED KIDNAPPINGS:

- In this scenario, people are held against their will and robbed.
- It is a form of kidnapping the moment any person is held against their will and robbed of their belongings.
- Such a case progresses from kidnapping to theft and can even become a form of extortion.

#### ANOTHER RECENT FORM OF KIDNAPPING:

- Kidnappers are following a new modus of operandi, which has escalated tremendously in recent years.
- Businessmen, especially people from Eastern countries, are earmarked as prospective victims.
  - o The victims are grabbed and held captive for a couple of hours.
  - During this time, the victim's accounts are emptied.
  - After successfully getting every cent from the victim, he is later released, usually unharmed but traumatised.
- Many of these cases go unreported as the victims are unwilling to open a case with the SAPS.
  - The victims would have been threatened not to go to the police, as the kidnappers would make it clear that they would keep tabs on the victim and his family.
- Wealthy businesspeople are another example but in such scenarios, the victims will be held captive for weeks and even months until the family pays a ransom for their release.

- The kidnappers would have extensively prepared themselves before attempting such a kidnapping.
  - They would have done a complete and intensive financial investigation beforehand.
  - They would have extensively followed the businessman around, noting the routes he travels and the people he meets.
  - They would be fully aware of the maximum amount of money his family, friends or business partners can arrange for a ransom.
  - The victim is vehemently threatened not to open a case at the SAPS.
  - The kidnappers often claim they have extended influence within the SAPS and other Safety and Security authorities.
- Apart from money, high-profile businesspeople are also kidnapped for the information they might have.
  - In a competition situation, these individuals or companies are kidnapped to gather or dispose of sensitive information.
  - At the same time, the goal is also to get maximum financial profit.
  - Some of the victims are even killed.
  - Although this does not happen as often, Specialised Security Services has had several of these cases in recent years.

The irony is that crime can only flourish when authorities are involved. The terrible hold, manipulation and control the kidnappers/hijackers have on people are astronomical. It is about absolute control of that person's safety and life.

- When you talk about a kidnapping case, people do not realise that it was orchestrated and planned in minute detail.
- At times, the victims themselves are involved in it.
- Most kidnappings can be identified immediately, but you also get the cases initially reported as missing persons.
- Many of the missing person cases escalate into murder, or the person is just never found, or it becomes a human trafficking case or a kidnapping case.
- The problem in our country is; people don't report cases because the criminals are often involved with the authorities.
- People do not report cases in SA because the infrastructure of safety and security in South Africa is non-existent for example:
- The corruption in the police.
- Their inability and lack of skills.
- They lack the necessary specialist units, where they are not able to do track & tracing or in-depth cybercrime investigations.

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