

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**(21.01.2013)**

On 15.01.2013, complainant Sh. Harish Arora s/o Late Sh Om Parkash Arora r/o S-4/17, Old Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi, 35 years, stated that today he along with his wife Priya, his son and daughter Hermionie @ Eddu age 3 ½ years were staying in room No. 205-06 of Hotel Royal Inn at SCO No. 2911 Sector-22/C, Chandigarh since the night intervening 12/13.01.2013. On 15.1.2013 one of their known Jagpal Beniwal s/o Kashi Ram r/o VPO—Rajgarh Dobi, Tehsil-Narvana, Distt-Jind (HR), 40 years, having business terms (Share Trading) with his wife came to their room along with a lady namely Chinar, about 22 years, and took away his daughter Hermionie @ Eddu with them. Later on at about 7:00 pm Jagpal Baniwal called from his mobile phone to his wife Priya on her mobile phone and told that when you would pay his money, he will release her daughter. On this complaint a case FIR No. 22 dated 15.01.13 U/s 364 A IPC PS-17 was registered.

An investigation team comprising Insp. Ram Gopal, SHO/PS—17, Insp. Ranjodh Singh I/C Crime Branch, Insp Shri Parkash SHO-3, SI Ram Rattan I/C PP-22, SI Ajender Singh I/C PP-24 was constituted under the supervision of Sh. Satbir Singh, DSP/Crime and Sh. Ashish Kapoor, DSP/Central to investigate the case. After formation of the SIT various police parties were dispatched to different districts of Haryana i.e. Karnal, Panipat, Hissar, Kaithal, Jind and Delhi to rescue the kidnapped child and nab the culprits. During investigation a constant questioning was carried out by the different Police parties to the relatives and other known persons of accused to mount pressure and to release the girl child safely.

On 16.01.2013, a call from a person was received on complainant's mobile phone with a threat to pay the ransom; otherwise the kidnapped child would be killed as he is a professional

killer. During investigation, the caller was identified as Raju (brother-in-law of culprit Jagpal Beniwal).

During further investigation on 20.01.2013 at about 9.30 AM, another call made by accused Jagpal Beniwal on complainant's mobile phone to pay the ransom at his home to his men in his native Village Rajgarh Dhobi District-Jind and also give in writing for withdrawal of the case registered at Chandigarh. Thereafter, on the same day at about 12:30 PM, he again made a call on the complainant's mobile phone to pay the ransom at the given place and reach his home immediately. Upon this, the complainant shared the information with the officials of Investigation team and requested that the police party not to accompany them to the said destination.

As a part of strategy the accused was duped on the pretext of signing compromise by the parents of abducted child and pressure mounted by the Chandigarh Police. The accused abandoned the child on the outskirts of village. The accused and their accomplices have been identified. The child has been rescued, medically examined and restored to their parents. Police parties of Chandigarh are taking hot pursuit after the accused and their accomplices.

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