

# **The Investigator Newsletter**

## Virtual Kidnapping



### About Us

Since 2000, BCSI Investigations Inc. has performed thousands of successful investigations. Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted promptly with leading-edge techniques.

With over 40 years of combined experience,

#### What is virtual kidnapping?

Virtual **kidnapping** is a crime wherein criminals falsely claim to have kidnapped a target's child, significant other, or relative. The 'kidnappers' will then demand payment for the supposed release of their victim, or else they will cause harm to the target's loved one. Unlike traditional kidnapping, no physical abduction occurs in virtual kidnapping.

# In the case of suspicious calls claiming a kidnapping:

• Stay Calm. Avoid providing personal information and request for verification.

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- Be Skeptical. Question unexpected calls and messages.
- Contact the supposed victim and the supposed victim's family or friends to confirm their safety.
- Educate Family. Being aware of the problem can reduce becoming a victim of virtual kidnapping. Families can also come up with specific keywords to use in emergencies.
- Report the call to law enforcement.

Contact <u>BCSI Investigations</u> for a consultation with one of our seasoned private investigators or our in-house digital forensics specialists.



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