

Case Study 2: Kidnapping

Brief Case Description:

Abduction of 17 year old son of a rich business man in location A

Investigation Process:

Day 1 Afternoon: The youngest son of a diamond merchant in location A was kidnapped at gun point while he was returning home from school.

Day 1 Late Night: The kidnappers called the father of the boy and asked to arrange for a sum of half million rupees in cash within 2 days against the release of his son; details of location where the money had to be handed over was not conveyed in this call.

Day 2 Morning: Father of the boy reported the kidnapping at the police station and informed about the ransom call. From the time of the call at the his mobile phone, Xalted's tactical analysis helped police to trace the mobile phone and handset number used by the kidnapper for communication and find out the location from where the call was made. The number was found to be newly activated using a fake identification however handset identification number i.e. IMEI was found to be used with a second mobile number two weeks back.

Day 2 Late night: Father of the boy received another call from kidnappers, but from a different number and informed him about the location where the ransom was to be delivered next day morning. Using Xalted tactical analysis, investigating officers found the kidnapper call location which was within 15 km distance of his first call location. Performing the geographical analysis of these two numbers, it was found that at the end of each day these numbers converge at a location which was in the outskirts of Location A. But the location identified was too big and densely populated to spot precisely the location where the kidnappers were gathered.

Day 3 Early Morning: Further using the components of Xalted's tactical analysis, social network analysis of the three numbers found were explored and one of the number found was identified to be that of the conductor of school bus of the kidnapped boy. His house was raided mid night and during police interrogation he accepted to be involved as an accomplice in the abduction. He disclosed the other number which they used for internal communication with the prime culprit. Intercepting the conversation through this number, the location was precisely identified. Sending a rescue team early morning, the kidnappers were nabbed and the boy was rescued.