

Ingy .. Cut her wrist arteries twice to escape the gang forcing her to convert to Islam

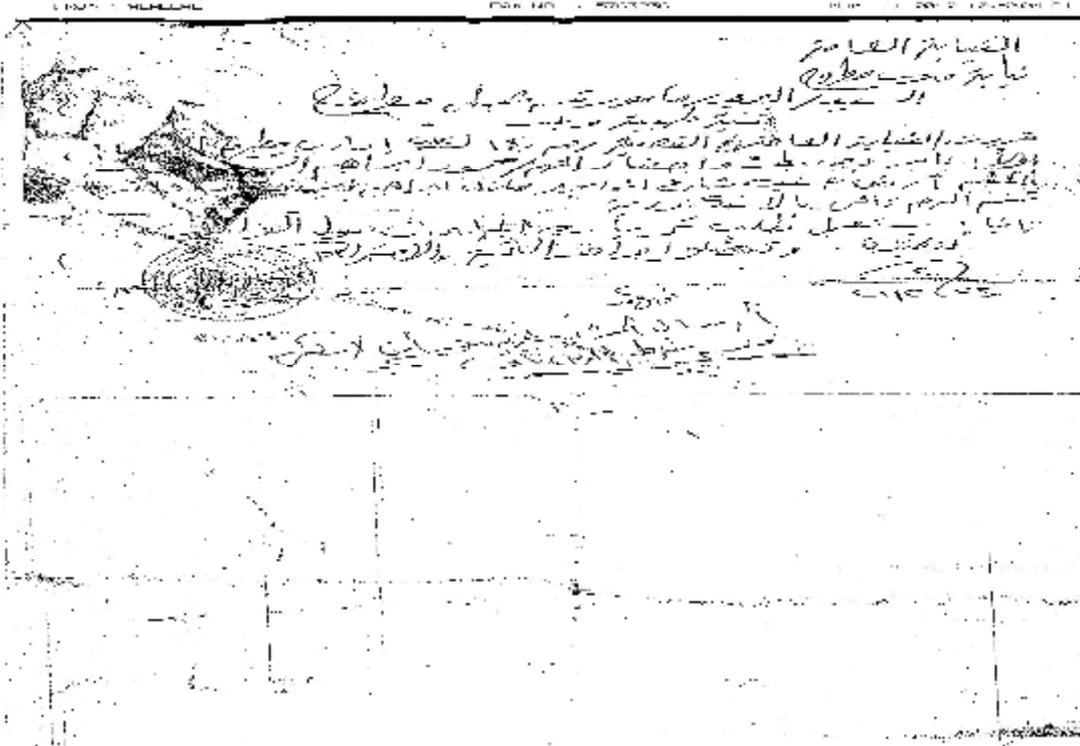


Magdy Mahrous, Ingy's father said that his daughter, who recently returned back home, was abducted since Jan. 6, 2012. when she was alone at home while the family was away. He added that at the time he had received an anonymous phone call threatening him to kidnap his son if a certain sum of money was not paid; however, when he and the rest of the family returned home, they were surprised to find out that Ingy was abducted.

Mahrous said that he was able to get information about the kidnapper, and that he is called Mahmoud Ibrahim Sayed," a resident of Alexandria, works in a cafe and is known by several alias names, "Prince, Ahmed, and Vito".

He had a police report issued (no. 140 for year 2012 administrative Marsa Matrouh, accusing the young man of kidnapping his minor daughter, and prosecution ordered his arrest, but the police department has been stalling in the implementation of the arrest order

The girl's father said that the offender lives in the same residential area in which they live (Angie and her family).



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Recounting her abduction experience, Ingy who is not yet 18 years old, said she lives in Alexandria with her parents, her eldest sister Christine (20 years), her brother Abanob, a preparatory school pupil and her two-year old sister Julie. Her father trades in spices and has a store in the same residential area where they live.

She added that one of their neighbors, a young man, harassed her and her sister Christine together with some of his friends.

They reported the matter to their father, who reprimanded the young man and demanded that he stays away from his daughters. Afterwards, they travelled to Marsa Matrouh where

they have a home there and left Abanoub at home in Alexandria to sit for his exams.

While Ingy was sitting in front of their home in Marsa Matrouh, she was surprised by some people gagging her from behind, putting her in their car and sped away. She said that she did not know who those people were and where they were taking her until she recognised the person who abducted her to be her neighbor who harassed her previously and whom she had reported to her father. She was taken to a house in Sharkiya province..

Ingy said that she initially did not know where she was until they started bringing over some Muslim clerics to talk to her about Islam. The house she was in belonged to a family related to the Muslim young man.

Ingy said: "the young man who abducted me and his aunt Eymane. who wore a niqab (full veil) sat with me, sometimes in the same room, for fear that I would try to escape." They brought her Muslim clerics to press her to convert to Islam. "When I felt that there was no way out for me to escape, I cut my wrist with a knife I had hid away from them. When the veiled woman saw the blood gushing out, she rushed to my aid. After repeating cutting my wrist for a second time, with a razor blade which I had also concealed from them, they decided to take me away from the place I was at for fear of getting them into trouble," said Ingy.

Ingy continued by saying: "Then they took me to another place in Alexandria. The place had a large room with many mattresses on the floor stacked next to each other all along the length of the

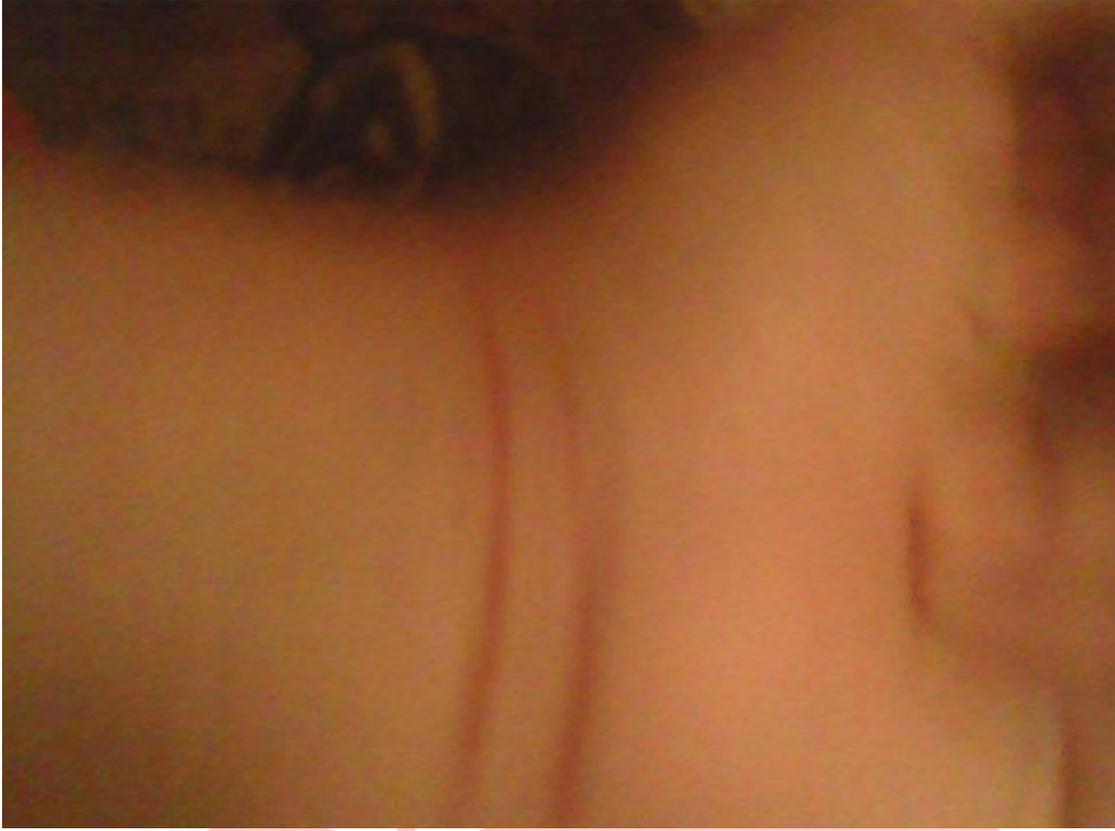
room as if it was a ward in a prison. They also brought me in that place Muslim clerics to try to convert me to Islam. When I heard them saying that they will go next morning to change my Religious identity in the official papers and complete the "Embracing Islam" papers even though I was not yet 18-year-old " Ingy remained silent for a while her tears were flowing "I cannot describe this feeling. I felt that my life was ending," she said.

She said that she felt pain all over her body and she went into a fit.

"When they saw this they called my father and told him we have your daughter and we will bring her back to you, but you must first go and waive the kidnapping police report against us. My father agreed immediately, saying reassure me about my daughter and I will go and waive the report. In fact my father waived charges to be able to get me back."

I kept suffering psychologically and physically for a long time after I got back home. but the joy of seeing my family again and being now with them was a big factor towards healing and regaining my life again

Ingy said that before her kidnapping experience, she was engaged to her cousin whom she loved very much, however, after her experience and due to pressure from his mother who feared being shamed for the rest of his life, he dissolved their engagement, but with the support of her family she regained her confidence and hope in life.



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