



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has arrested Newton Muthuri Kimani, a Kenyan national, staying in India on a student visa, on 9/12/2023 in relation to his involvement in Immoral Human Trafficking. Newton Muthuri Kimani was produced before the Hon'ble Court, Panji, Goa. The Hon'ble Court has granted ED custody for six days till 15/12/2023.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Anjuna Police, Goa against 2 Nigerian nationals namely Ms. Isralite @ Dorcast Maria and Olokpa for their involvement in Immoral Human Trafficking. The accused persons used to bring young African girls to Goa on the pretext of providing jobs in the Indian hospitality industry and force them into prostitution activities.

ED investigation revealed that Newton Muthuri Kimani was managing multiple accounts in which certain amounts were being credited on behalf of various persons involved in running the immoral trafficking racket. This money generated through illegal means, was being transferred to Kenya and other countries through the Mpesa app and some foreign bank accounts with help of some suspected Hawala operators.

A search operation was conducted in Anjuna, Goa during which one Kenyan national who was forced into immoral trafficking by Ms. Isralite @ Dorcast Maria was rescued alongwith another Kenyan Girl.

Further, on the basis of information gathered, 3 search operations were carried out in Gujarat and Punjab resulting in seizure of incriminating documents and digital devices.

Further investigation is under progress.