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## ARREST OF SUSPECT INVOLVED IN INTERNET FRAUD AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- 1. The Ashanti Regional Police Command on Monday, 7th April 2025, at 9:00 am, arrested suspect Bella Merie, a 29year old Cameroonian national, along with forty-three (43) other Cameroonians at a residence located at Kenyasi Abrem in the Ashanti Region.
- 2. Preliminary investigations indicate that the suspect collected a total sum of four million, five hundred thousand CFA Francs (4,500,000 CFA) from the victims comprising thirty-two (32) males and eleven (11) females under the false pretense of securing employment opportunities in Ghana.
- **3.** Further investigation has revealed that the suspect orchestrated this fraudulent scheme through a known internet scam method popularly referred to as Q-NET.
- **4.** All individuals involved both suspect and victims, aged between twenty-two (22) and thirty-eight (38) have been handed over to the Ghana Immigration Service at the Regional Headquarters for the necessary immigration processes and repatriation to their home country.
- **5.** The Ghana Police Service reiterates its commitment to fighting fraud and protecting the safety and welfare of both citizens and foreign nationals within the country.

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