

### A Failed Plan

(1) A New York District Court sentenced a police officer to 10 years in prison for kidnapping his own daughter.

(2) The police officer and his wife separated last October and their divorce was finalized the following March.

(3) Police said the two were in a legal battle for custody of their seven year old daughter.

(4) As the police officer had a gambling and drinking problem, it was unlikely he would win custody.

(5) In a quick panic, he kidnapped his child secretly.

(6) Since he was a police officer, he planned to pretend to rescue his daughter in hopes of also rescuing his marriage.

(7) Unfortunately, his plan did not succeed and he was arrested while eating dinner with his daughter.

(8) Now he has lost any chance to mend things with his ex-wife and his daughter.

#### 語注

(1) kidnap 誘拐する

(2) finalize 最終的に詰める

(3) legal battle 法廷闘争 custody 養育権、親権

(8) mend 直す ; 改善する