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South Andaman District

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PRESS RELEASE

**PAHARGAON POLICE SUCCESSFULLY APPREHEND LONG-EVADING
FUGITIVE IN WEST BENGAL**

On April 12, 2024, the diligent efforts of the Pahargaon Police team culminated in the apprehension of Soubhagya Ranjan Swain, aged 44, hailing from Narshingpur, Kendrapara, Odisha, who had long eluded the law. This decisive action followed the issuance of a Non-Bailable Warrant stemming from a 2010 case registered at PS Pahargaon under sections 420/417/376 of the IPC.

Accused, evasive from 2016, had shifted to Odisha post his retirement from the Territorial Army and was not complying to court notices. In response, a dedicated team from the A&N Police, led by SI Jeetender Lall and HC Sanjeev Kumar, embarked on a ten-day intensive search across Odisha, collaborating closely with local authorities. Intelligence later suggested his possible presence in West Bengal.

Swiftly altering course, the team redirected their efforts to West Bengal. Employing advanced technical surveillance methods and leveraging local intelligence networks, Swain was successfully traced and apprehended in Howrah, West Bengal, on April 12, 2024.

Subsequently, Swain was escorted to Port Blair under transit remand and presented before the Hon'ble Court, marking the culmination of an exhaustive pursuit by the Pahargaon Police.

This operation was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Anushtha Kalia, IPS(P), SHO PS Pahargaon, and supervised by Sh. Vikas Swami, IPS, SDPO, South Andaman, with overall supervision by Smt. Niharika Bhatt, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District.

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