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Sudanese Migrant Charged with Attempted Kidnap of 10-Year-Old Girl in Manchester Suburb

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A Sudanese migrant living in a taxpayer-funded hotel has been charged with the attempted abduction of a ten-year-old girl in Stockport, Greater Manchester. The man, 30-year-old Edris Abdelrazig, is alleged to have tried to lure the child away while she was accompanied by her father on 13 July. He was arrested shortly after the incident and appeared in court two days later.

Abdelrazig had been residing at a three-star hotel in Wilmslow, Cheshire, an affluent suburb of Manchester, where rooms are estimated to cost the government up to £100 per night as part of the broader asylum accommodation programme. The case has reignited debate over the security implications of housing large numbers of migrants in residential areas at the public's expense.

Abdelrazig appeared before magistrates on 15 July and was remanded in custody. He is due to appear at Manchester Crown Court on 26 August.

Government officials have described the charge as “deeply concerning” and have reaffirmed the administration’s commitment to public safety. A spokesperson for the Home Office stated, “Foreign nationals who commit crimes should be in no doubt that the law will be enforced and justice delivered.”

This incident comes amid wider criticism of the government’s asylum policies following separate allegations in Warwickshire. Councillors in Nuneaton were reportedly urged by police not to disclose that two suspects in the rape of a 12-year-old girl were asylum seekers. Warwickshire County Council’s leader, George Finch of Reform UK, has since written to the Home Office demanding the immediate relocation of asylum seekers from the area.

The government has pointed to progress in reducing dependency on hotel accommodation for migrants. From a peak of over 400 hotels in use during the summer of 2023, costing taxpayers close to £9 million per day, that number has been halved. Ministers aim to eliminate the use of hotels entirely by the end of the current parliamentary term.

According to official figures, over 35,000 people with no legal right to remain in the UK have been removed in the past year, including more than 5,000 foreign offenders, marking a 14 per cent increase on the previous year.

The Home Office has emphasised that it is working closely with local police and communities to address concerns and ensure the rule of law is upheld. With rising public scrutiny over crime linked to asylum seekers, calls for stricter controls and greater transparency in immigration enforcement continue to mount.