<u>Killer pedophile arrested in central</u> China

A man has been arrested in central China's Hunan province for alleged rape and murder of children and teenagers, said local police.

Yao Changfeng, the suspect, was caught on Saturday while attempting to rape an 11-year-old girl by a road in Yuanling county.

By comparing him with images in the database, police found Yao was wanted for allegedly killing two children in December 2011, and a 15-year-old girl in February 2013.

After investigation, police learned that between 2013 and 2017, Yao raped ten others, three of whom were minors.

Yao also confessed to 42 thefts involving more than 17,000 yuan (about 2,500 U.S. dollars).

To avoid the police, he allegedly travelled by bike and lived in caves, under bridges or tents in the wilderness.

The Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture of the adjacent Hubei province issued a notice in February, offering 200,000 yuan for information which may lead to Yao's arrest.