



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
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P R E S S N O T E

CASES OF 'ATTENTION DIVERSION' SOLVED :
GOLD JEWELLERY & CASH, WORTH Rs. 3.50 LAKH RECOVERED

With the arrest of four accused persons, two cases of 'attention diversion' have been solved and Gold Jewellery & Cash, worth Rs. 3.50 Lakh, have been recovered.

On 11.09.2017, a case of 'attention diversion' was reported at Villianur Police Station on the complaint of Shri. Kuppusamy, r/o Senthatham Village, Villianur. The complainant Kuppusamy, who came out of Bharathiyar Grama Bank, Odiampet road, Villianur with 20 gms. of gold jewellery & cash of Rs. 1.50 Lakh, kept the same in a handbag on the handlebar of his bike. At that time, an unknown person strewn some currency notes on the road and asked him whether those currency notes belongs to him; thereby, diverted his attention. When Kuppusamy attempted to pick-up the currency notes, the accused person fled away on a bike with the handbag containing the gold jewellery and cash.

Similarly, on 21.09.2017, another case was reported at Villianur Police Station on the complaint of Shri. Venkateswaran, r/o Sellipet, Puducherry. When the complainant Venkateswaran, after pledging his gold jewellery in the State Bank of India, Villianur, came out of the Bank with a handbag containing Cash of Rs. 2.80 Lakhs and 20 gms. of gold coins, he found one of the tyres on his bike was punctured. After keeping the handbag in the side-box of the bike, he went to the nearby Puncture Shop for repair. At that time, some unknown persons also came there and told that their motorcycle tyre was also punctured and one person was chatting unnecessarily with the complainant; thereby diverted his attention. Using this opportunity, the other accused person opened the side-box of the bike using false key, stolen the handbag and fled away from the scene. Later, the complainant Venkateswaran noticed that the handbag was found to be stolen.

In order to detect both the cases, a team was formed under the leadership of SP(West) K. Gunasekaran and comprising of Circle Inspector Arumugam, SI Velaiyan, ASI Mohamed Ali Jinna, ASI Lakshminarayanan and PCs Ezhilrajan, Arjunan, Ramaraja, Kaviyaran, Iyyanar, Govindaraj, Vijayakumar & Senthamizhselvan of Villianur Circle.

The team deployed sources extensively in & around Puducherry & Andhra Pradesh and came to know that similar offences are committed by a group from Nagari and O.G. Kuppam of Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. Due to the sincere & untiring efforts, one of the accused persons, viz., **Subramanian @ Subramani (76 years)** S/o Munusamy of O.G Kuppam, Chittoor Dt., Andhra Pradesh was arrested on 28.11.2017 and on his confession, cash of Rs. 10,000 was recovered. On 24.01.18, one more accused **Subramanian @ Duppa Subramanian (68 years)** S/o Rangasamy of O.G Kuppam, Chittoor Dt., Andhra Pradesh was arrested and cash of Rs. 25,000/- was recovered.

On tactful and sustained interrogation, the involvement of four more accused persons surfaced. On 31.01.18, two accused persons, viz., **Thamaraiselvan (42**

years) S/o Nadesan and Logu @ Logesh (40 years) S/o Harigopal, both residents of Vinayagar Koil St., O.G Kuppam, Chittoor Dt., Andhra Pradesh were arrested. Their confession led to the **recovery of gold jewellery and cash, all worth Rs. 3.50 Lakh.** The absconding two accused persons will be arrested soon.

The accused persons used to divert the attention of the victims, who are coming to the Banks either for depositing or withdrawing cash from the Banks and commit thefts by breaking open the boxes in the motor-cycles/scooters; besides, breaking open the side wind-shields of cars.

The members of general public are hereby appealed not to be the victims of such crimes. If any currency note is strewn-up on the road, especially near Banks, Jewellery Shops, Market areas, etc., they should not attempt to pick-up the currency notes and such act is caused by the criminals in order to divert the general public.

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