



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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On the instructions of Respected S.K. Gautham I.P.S., Director General of Police, Dr.V.J. Chandran I.P.S., Deputy Inspector General of Police and Thiru. Mahesh Kumar Barnwal P.P.S., Senior Superintendent of Police (C&I), Puducherry regarding the prevention of ATM related Frauds in Puducherry, special teams headed by Inspector Thiru. Palanivel and Sub- Inspector U.Vijayakumar were formed at CBCID PS, under the Supervision of Thiru. V.T.A. Raheem, Superintendent of Police (CID), Puducherry. Whiles, on 18.04.2018 evening hours U.Vijayakumar, Sub-Inspector of Police and SG HC 2264 Mohamad Liyagataly Ali, PC-2994 Manimozhi, PC- 3422 L. Udhayachandiran and PC-3612 Irusavel of CBCID PS, Puducherry, are on rounds in Puducherry town areas, received reliable information that some persons are making Fake ATM Cards at BJM Enterprises (Computer Center) near Balaji theatre, Sithankudi Main Road, Brindhavanam, Puducherry. Immediately he along with Police personnel conducted raid at BJM Enterprises and found two male persons namely 1) **Balaji (26)** S/o Vengataperumal No. 17, Karumariamman Koil Street, Lakshmi Nagar, Lawspet, Puducherry. 2). **Jayachandiran @ Chandru(30)** S/o Sakthivel No.31, Middle Street, 1st Cross, Murungapakkam, Puducherry were present with some Electronic devices and Fake while colour ATM Cards in the center. On thorough interrogation with them, it was ascertained that they are collecting ATM Card data and their Pin numbers by fixing Skimmer machines and secret cameras at ATM Centres and making fake ATM Cards through MSR (Magnetic Strip Reader) machines. Then they are withdrawing the amount by means of fake ATM Cards prepared by them and also transferring the amount to their accounts by swiping the fake ATM Cards on POS machines possessed/acquired by them from their associates happened through ICQ app. In this regard, a case in Cr. No.05/2018 U/s 468,471,379 r/w 34 IPC r/w 511 IPC & 66-'C' Information Technology Act 2000 was registered at CBCID PS, Puducherry.

Investigation so far reveals that the accused Balaji is an Engineering Graduate of Electronic Communications and presently working on contract basis as Computer Technical Assistant at Pondicherry University. The accused persons Balaji and Jayachandiran are running Computer Browsing Centres in the name of BJM Enterprises at Sithankudi and SS Computers at Vallalarsalai Puducherry and they obtained POS (Point of Sale) machines from different Banks for their business purpose and subsequently they had friendship with one Shyam of Chennai who had well knowledge about the collection of ATM Card data by various illegal means, learnt by him through ICQ app. The accused persons Balaji and Jayachandiran @ Chandru developed their friendship with said Shyam and started earning money through fake ATM Cards. The accused Balaji who well versed in ATM frauds also became a member in the ICQ app and learnt the purchase of skimming machines, MSR machines and fake ATM Cards through online and he also extended his illegally business from Puducherry to Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu through his ICQ app associates Rameez of Kerala and Kamal of Tamil Nadu. Investigation of this sensational case, is at initial stage and the involvement of other accused persons to be brought in to light very soon.

The following Electronic devises, fake ATM Cards and other valuables are seized from the accused persons Balaji and Jayachandiran as confessed by them.

1. Cash Rs.4,00,000/-
2. Cash Rs. 1,93,000/- SBI A/c of accused Balaji
3. 44 Gms of Gold including one Chain and five Rings
4. Hyundai - i10 Car worth about Rs.7,00,000/-
5. One Motor Cycle - FZ Yamaha Bike worth about Rs. 1,00,000/-
6. POS Machines - 19 Nos
7. MSR (Magnetic Strip Reader) Machine -2
8. Desk Top Computer with accessories - 1
9. Fake ATM Cards - 8
10. ATM Cards - 13
11. Bank Pass Book- 9
12. Property Document (plot) worth about Rs. 15,00,000/- in the name of accused Balaji's mother namely Kalayarasi.

The Total value of seized items is approximately about Rs. 31,00,000/- .

The respected DGP, DIGP, SSP(C&I), SP(CID), Puducherry appreciated the good work done by the team of Cyber Crime Cell and Police Personnel of CBCID Police Station.

