



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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P R E S S N O T E

CASE OF 'CHEATING': BUSTED

On 06.04.2018, a case of 'Cheating' was registered at Odiansalai Police Station on the complaint of Smt. Sooshma Patil r/o Colas Nagar, Puducherry. The complainant Smt. Sooshma Patil had entered into an agreement on 14.02.2017 with one Vijay, a property-dealer running business in the name of M/s. Anugraha Property Hire, on refundable lease (Pokkiam) to a tune of Rs. 4.00 Lakh for a house at Raja Singh Street, Puducherry. After Smt. Sooshma Patil stayed for sometime at Chennai, she returned to her rental house during the month of September 2017 and to her dismay, she found that another person was staying in that house. When Smt. Sooshma Patil asked Vijay about this, he informed her that he had let another person in that house in her absence. On repeated requests, Vijay had returned only Rs. 1.00 Lakh to her and he had cheated the remaining amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakh. The case was taken up for investigation.

During the course of investigation, the accused person, viz., Vijay (33 years) s/o Keerthy, r/o No.3, Mariamman Koil St., Sellaperumalpet, Lawspet, Puducherry was arrested on 07.04.2018. The accused person confessed to his crime.

The confession of the accused Vijay revealed that he had cheated more than 35 persons involving a sum of more than Rs. 1.00 Crore. He used to get houses on monthly rental basis from the gullible property owners and then, sub-let those houses to persons on the basis of refundable lease (pokkiam) after getting lump-sum amount. He would initially pay only for 3-4 month's rent to the house-owners and cheat both the house-owners and the persons entered into agreement for refundable lease (pokkiam) by not returning their lump-sum amount.

The general public are appealed by the Puducherry Police that they should not become prey to such cheats and the house-owners shall directly deal with the tenants and avoid such fraudsters.

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