

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கை
(Under Section 154 Cr.P.C.)
(சூ.ந.வி.தொ.பிரிவு 154 இன் கீழ்)

TAMIL NADU POLICE
INTEGRATED INVESTIGATION FORM-I

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19/AC/2021

1. District : Salem PS: காவல்நிலையம் V4AC Year: 2021 ஆண்டு 2021 FIR No.: மு.த.அ. எண் 19/AC/2021 Date: 22/12/2021 நாள்
2. (i) Act சட்டம்: INDIAN PENAL CODE Sections பிரிவுகள்: 120B, 167, 342, 465
(ii) Act சட்டம்: The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Sections பிரிவுகள்: 471, 477-A,
(iii) Act சட்டம்: Sections பிரிவுகள்: 7(A)
(iv) Other Acts & Sections பிற சட்டங்களும், பிரிவுகளும்: Act 2018
3. (a) Occurrence of Offence Day : Date from : 23.02.2019 Date to : 06.05.2019
குற்ற நிகழ்வு நாள் நாள் முதல் நாள் வரை
Time Period : Time from : நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
நேர அளவு நேரம் முதல் நேரம் வரை
(b) Information Received at PS. Date : 22.12.2021 Time : 13.00hrs
காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு தகவல் கிடைத்த நாள் நேரம்
(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No(s) 22.12.2021 Time : 14.00hrs.
பொது நாட்குறிப்பில் பதிவு விவரம் எண் நேரம்
4. Type of Information : Written/ Oral :
தகவலின் வகை : எழுத்து மூலம் / வாய் மொழியாக SUOMOTTU
5. Place of Occurrence (a) Direction and Distance from PS:
குற்ற நிகழ்விடம் (அ) காவல்நிலையத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு தூரமும், எத்திசையும் 60km, South-east
Beat Number : (b) Address : Salem District.
முறைக் காவல் எண் முகவரி

(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the Name of P.S : District :
இக்காவல் நிலைய எல்லைக்கப்பால் நடந்து இருக்குமாயின், அந்நிலையில் அந்த கா.நி.பெயர் மாவட்டம்

6. Complainant /Informant (a) Name : R. S. Ravi Kumar (b) Father's/ Husband's Name : R. Durai Pandian
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர்/ தகவல் தந்தவர் பெயர் தந்தை / கணவர் பெயர்
- (c) Date / Year of Birth : 45 years (d) Nationality : Indian (e) Passport No. :
நாள் / பிறந்த ஆண்டு நாட்டினம் வெளிநாட்டு கடவுச்சீட்டு எண்
- Date of Issue : Place of Issue :
வழங்கப்பட்ட நாள் வழங்கப்பட்ட இடம்
- (f) Occupation : Inspector of Police (g) Address : Vigilance & Anti Corruption
தொழில் முகவரி Kumbharasampatty, Salem-7
7. Details of Known/Suspected/Unknown accused with full particulars. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
தெரிந்த / ஐயப்பாட்டிற்குரிய / தெரியாத குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டவரின் முழுமையான விவரங்கள்
(தேவையெனில் தனித்தாள் இணைக்கவும்)
A1, Mr. J. P. Ashok Kumar, Forest Ranger, Thammampatty forest range, Salem Dt.
A2, Mr. C. Krishnaraj, Formerly forest guard, Belur south beat, Thamma-
A3, Mr. S. Manivel, Formerly forest watcher, mpaty forest range, Salem
Belur South Beat, Thammampatty forest range, Salem Dt.
8. Reasons for delay in reporting by the complainant / Informant:
குற்றமுறையிட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரால் முறையிட்டதில் தகவல் கொடுப்பதில் தாமதம்

No delay

9. Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet if necessary)
கனவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் விவரம் (தேவையெனில் தனித் தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

10. Total value of properties stolen / involved :
கனவாடப்பட்ட / களவிற்குள்ளான சொத்துக்களின் மொத்த மதிப்பு

11. Inquest Report / Un-natural death Case No. if any:
பிள விசாரணை அறிக்கை / இயற்கைக்கு மாறான இறப்பு எண் ஏதேனும் இருந்தால்

12. FIR Contents (Attach separate sheet, if required) :
முதல் தகவல் அறிக்கையின் சுருக்கம். (தேவையெனில் தனித்தாளில் இணைக்கவும்)

Separate sheet herewith enclosed

13. Action taken : Since the above report reveals commission of offence(s) u/s as mentioned at item No.2 registered the case and took up the investigation / directed Rank to take up the Investigation / Refused investigation / transferred to PS.....on point of jurisdiction.

எடுக்கப்பட்ட நடவடிக்கை : மேலே குற்ற முறையீட்டில் உள்ளவை பிரிவு 2ல் கூறப்பட்ட சட்ட பிரிவுப்படியான குற்றமாக வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது / பணிக்கப்படுதல் பதவி நிலை பணியாளரின் புலனாய்வுக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள பணிக்கப்பட்டது / மறுக்கப்பட்டு எல்லையைக் கருதி புலனாய்வுக்கு காவல் நிலையத்திற்கு மாற்றப்படுகிறது.

FIR read over to the Complainant / Informant, admitted to be correctly recorded and a copy given to the Complainant / Informant free of cost.

மு.த.அ. குற்றமுறையீட்டாளருக்கு / தகவல் தந்தவருக்கு படித்துக்காட்டி, அது சரியாக எழுதப்பட்டு இருப்பதாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டு, அதன் படி நகல் ஒன்று இலவசமாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.

14. Signature / Thumb Impression of the Complainant / Informant
குற்றமுறையீட்டாளர் / தகவல் கொடுப்பவரின் ஒப்பம் / பெருவிரல் இரேகைப் பதிவு

Sub-motta

Signature of the Officer in-charge, Police Station
காவல் நிலைய பொறுப்பு அலுவலரின் ஒப்பம்

22.12.21

15. Date & Time of despatch to the court:
நீதிமன்றத்திற்கு அனுப்பப்பட்ட நாளும், நேரமும்

22.12.21
11.30hrs.

Name: பெயர் P. J. Ravi Kumar
Rank: நிலை No. எண்
Inspector of Police
Vt Ac, Salem.

ATTACHMENT TO COLUMN NO.12 OF THE FIRST INFORMATION REPORT IN VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION. SALEM DETACHMENT CRIME NO.19/AC/2021.

A1 Tr. J. P. Ashok Kumar has been working as Forest Ranger, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District, since 27.12.2017.

A2 Tr. C. Krishnaraj worked as Forest Guard, Belur South Beat, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District from the month of 2018 to until his retirement on 30.06.2019. and

A3 Tr. S. Manivel worked as Forest Watcher, Belur South Beat, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District from 2016 and he expired on 14.05.2021.

A1 to A3 are public servants as defined u/s 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

It is one of the duties of A1 Tr.J.P.Ashok Kumar, Forest Ranger, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District to monitor and inspect the forest area within his range as to prevent and protect from intruders, poachers and illegal occupants. He is empowered to impose compounding fee for the offences in which the loss of Forest property is less than Rs 500/- if the loss exceeds Rs 500/- then he should report to the District Forest Officer for fixing the compounding fee. He can initiate Criminal Proceedings against the Forest offenders if needed.

It is one of the duties of A2 Tr.C.Krishnaraj, Formerly Forest Guard, Belur South Beat, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District to find out the Forest offences and to seize contrabands from the offenders who are violating the Forest act. After recording the confession statement

of the forest offenders, the report of the offences should be sent to the concerned Forester in order to take necessary action.

It is one of the duties of A3 Tr.S.Manivel, Formerly Forest Watcher, Belur South Beat, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District to find out the Forest offences in his beat and to inform about the offences to the Forest Guard or the Forester.

The petitioner Tr.C. Devendran, S/o Chinnu is a Graduate Teacher working in Government Higher Secondary School, Periyasiruvathur, Kallakuruchi Taluk, Salem District. He had sent a petition against the Accused alleging that they had demanded an undue advantage from him, for not registering a case against him for having used the reserved Forest area to take out the tractor from his agriculture land adjoining to the reserved Forest area. The petition was sent to the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Chennai through post and a Preliminary Enquiry was conducted on his petition only to ascertain whether any cognizable offence is disclosed or not.

The Enquiry reveals that the petitioner Tr.C. Devendran owns approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of agricultural land at Ninangarai village, Naripadi Post, Gangavalli Taluk, Salem District adjoining the Reserve Forest and his wife Pushavalli is doing agriculture for many years. He is residing there with his family.

It further reveals that in the month of August 2018, while the petitioner Tr. Devendran was in the School, a tractor driver was unloading the manure in the field of the petitioner. At that time, the tractor got stuck in the mud. So the Tractor Driver called upon a JCB driver and with the help of the JCB, the tractor was dragged out and it was taken out through the

Reserve Forest boundary, adjoining to the field of the petitioner. The drivers of the tractor as well as the JCB had used the Reserved Forest area to take the vehicle without the knowledge of the petitioner.

It further reveals that after 6 months, in the month of February 2019, the above said incident came to the knowledge of A2 Tr.Krishnaraj and A3 Tr.Manivel and with the intention to obtain an undue advantage, they went to the petitioner's house. Since the petitioner was not in the house, they got the petitioner's phone number from his wife and enquired with him about the incident happened 6 months before.

Again on 23.02.2019, when the petitioner was in the house, A2 and A3 went to the petitioner's house and enquired about the offence of trespassing into the Reserve Forest area as if it was done by him. The petitioner explained the incident that it had happened accidentally by the drivers of the tractor and the JCB. However, A2 and A3 with the connivance of each other demanded an undue advantage of Rs.30,000/- from the petitioner Tr.Devendran for not registering a case of trespassing against him and causing damage to the Forest area under Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882. The petitioner replied that he had only Rs3,000/- to offer them. A2 and A3 did not agree with the petitioner and left the place frustrated. They apprised this matter to A1 Tr. J.P. Ashok Kumar and a criminal conspiracy was hatched by them with the intention to obtain an undue advantage from the Petitioner Tr.Devendran. In furtherance of this Criminal Conspiracy on 24.02.2019 at 11.00hrs A2 Tr.Krishnaraj and A3 Tr.Manivel went to the petitioner's house with other Forest officials and inspected the occurrence place. After a formal enquiry, they prepared a confession statement as if it was given by the petitioner and threatened him to sign in the statement. When the petitioner denied it, A2 Tr.

Krishnaraj threatened him and forcibly got the signature of the petitioner. Then A2 asked the petitioner to come to Thammampatti Forest Range Office to meet A1 Tr. J. P. Ashok Kumar on 25.02.2019 and got the surety from his cousin Tr. Chandran to produce the petitioner on the said date without fail. As assured, the petitioner did not appear before the A1 at Thammampatti Forest office on 25.02.2019. So, A2 Tr. Krishnaraj contacted the petitioner over phone for several times and enquired the reason for his absence.

Hence, the petitioner went to the Thammampatti Forest Range Office with his friend Palkarar Tr. Paramasivam on 02.03.2019 at about 2 PM where A2 introduced the petitioner to A1 Tr. J. P. Ashok Kumar, Forest Ranger, Thammampatti Range, Salem District. Then, A1 increased the demand amount to Rs.50,000/- as an undue advantage from the petitioner. The petitioner got shocked to his demand, he requested to reduce the amount but A1 was not inclined to reduce it. As the petitioner was not coming forward to pay the demanded money to A1, he was detained in the office by A1 and A2 and threatened to pay the amount or otherwise they would foist a case against him. Due to the threatening of the A1 and A2, the petitioner asked his friend Pallkarar Paramasivam to arrange for the money from elsewhere to release him. As his friend could not arrange for the said amount in a short period of time, at the end of the day A1 warned the petitioner and directed him to pay the amount on 04.03.2019 and released him by getting a surety from his friend.

Then, the petitioner contacted A2 Tr. Krishnaraj from his mobile number 9080247607 on 03.03.2019 at 12.38 hrs to his mobile number 8248397500 and expressed his inability of arranging the amount of Rs.50,000/- and also asked him to speak with A1 to reduce the demanded

money. The whole conversation was recorded by the petitioner in his mobile under the mode of auto call record.

On 04.03.2019 at about 6.30 P.M the petitioner went to the Thammampatti forest range office and met A2 who asked about the earlier demand of Rs. 50,000/-. The petitioner gave only Rs 10,000/- to A2. However, A2 did not receive the money and he informed the same to A1 over phone. On his direction, A2 wrongfully confined the petitioner in a room in that office and the door was closed by A2. On seeing this, the petitioner got afraid of and after some tug of war with A2, the petitioner escaped from the Thammampatti Forest range office. Then the petitioner got admitted at Attur G.H alleging that he was assaulted by known persons. This news was telecasted in news channel on 4.3.2019 and it was published in news paper also on 05.03.2019 and 06.03.2019. His report was registered in Thammampatti Police Station in CSR No.69/2019 on 05.03.2019 and as the incident was busted through the media, A1 to A3 altogether got alerted and started to frame incorrect records against the petitioner. A1 registered a Forest Offence Report in O.R. No.33/2019 under sections 21 (d) (e) (f) & (g) of The Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 against the petitioner as if the case was registered on 24.02.2019 against him based on the report of A2 Tr. Krishnaraj and the confession statement of the petitioner, already recorded, though it was actually registered only after 03.03.2019. Further, they obtained an order from the District Forest Officer, Salem imposing fine of Rs. 50,000/- as if it was imposed on 24.02.2019. Since the petitioner Tr.Devendran had not paid the fine amount in time, the above case was filed against him on 06.05.2019 before the Honourable JM-II, Attur, Salem District and the case is still pending in the Court.

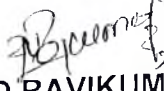
Meanwhile, A1 to A3 in active connivance with each other, foisted another two cases against one Subramani and his Son Tr.Chandrasekar in OR.No.34/2019 and OR.No.35/2019 respectively as if those cases were registered on 03.03.2019 even without their knowledge. Further, they falsely prepared two receipts in No.688871 and 688872 dated.04.03.2019 as if they remitted fine amount each Rs.2,000/- by forging their signatures. The reason for creating such false records by A1 to A3 in the name of one Subramani and his Son is that these two cases were registered on 03.03.2019 genuinely subsequent to the case registered against the petitioner on 24.02.2019 in order to make others to believe that the case was not foisted against that petitioner after 03.03.2019, in fact those two cases are also false.

The above said information clearly discloses that A1 to A3 committed the cognizable offence of Criminal Conspiracy, framing incorrect records, wrongful confinement, forgery, making use of forged document as genuine, falsification of accounts and demand of undue advantage to forebear from registering a case, all constituted the offences punishable u/s 120B, 167, 342, 465, 471, 477A IPC and 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (as Amended in 2018).

Necessary prior approval from Tr.Ashok Upreti, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai vide his letter in Reference No.T1/15652/2019-2, dated.17.07.2021 was obtained u/s 17 (A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act (as Amended in 2018) for A1 to A3 to register a Criminal Case against them.

Hence I register a case in Salem V&AC Cr.No.19/AC/2021 against
1) Tr.J.P.Ashok Kumar (A1), Forest Ranger, Thammampatti Forest
Range, Salem District, 2) Tr.C.Krishnaraj (A2), Formerly Forest Guard,
Belur South Beat, Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District. and 3)
Tr.S.Manivel (A3), Formerly Forest Watcher, Belur South Beat,
Thammampatti Forest Range, Salem District. for the commission of
offences punishable u/s 120B, 167, 342, 465, 471, 477A IPC and 7 (a) of
the Prevention of Corruption Act (as Amended in 2018).

The original FIR is submitted to the Hon'ble Court of the Special
Judge for Trial of Cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, Salem
District and a copy of the FIR is sent to the Superintendent of Police,
Vigilance and Anti Corruption, Western range, Chennai.


(R.D.RAVIKUMAR),
Inspector of Police,
V&AC., Salem.