

**Timely and proper investigation by DySP, SMS lead to the arrest of Accused in a murder case reported at Vellamunda PS as Cr. No. 294/18 U/s 174 CrPC altered to 302 IPC**

On 03.10.2018 Thikanayi, aged 65 years, residing at Kavumkunnu within Vellamunda Police Station limits and two persons (his son and his relative) found in an exhausted stage and all these persons expired on the way to hospital. In this connection a case has been registered at Vellamunda PS as Cr. No. 294/18 u/s 174 CrPC altered to 302 IPC and added Sec.301 IPC and Sec.3(2)(V) of SC/ST PoA Act of Vellamunda PS. It was suspected that the deceased persons consumed alcohol, which was given to Thikanayi by some persons at Mananthavady.

During the investigation of the case found that on 03.10.2018 one Sajith Kumar of Mananthavady reached the house of Thikanayi for some black magic treatment, pooja etc and as a remuneration to this he had given a bottle of liquor to Thikanayi. He and two persons (his son and his relative) consumed the liquor and exhausted. On the way to hospital all these persons are expired. Based on these findings Sri.Sajithkumar was arrayed as accused and report has been given to court by altering the sec. to 302 IPC. Since the deceased persons belonging to tribal community provisions under SC/ST PoA Act were added and investigation has been entrusted to DySP, SMS.

DySP, SMS conducted a thorough investigation and revealed that Sajithkumar is not guilty in this case. One Santhosh of Arattuthara had given cyanide mixed liquor to Sri.Sajith with intention to kill him due to some previous enmity. Sajithkumar had given that liquor to Sri.Thikanayi and subsequently lead to the death of three persons by consuming this poison. Sajithkumar was not having any intention to kill them and he was not having any knowledge regarding the presence of cyanide in the liquor. Hence he was deleted from the array of accused and Santhosh was arrayed as accused.

Timely and proper investigation by DySP, SMS lead to the arrest of actual accused in this case. The remnant of liquor was seized and cyanide was detected in that liquor in lab examination.