

Vellamunda Police detected a sensitive murder case

A case has been registered at Vellamunda PS as Cr. No. 209/18 u/s 449, 302 IPC on murder of 28 years old Ummer and his 20 years old wife Fathima on 06.07.18 at 09.15hrs.

The case in brief is that in between 21.00hrs on 05.07.18 and 08.30hrs on 06.07.18, somebody trespassed into the house of the victim's at 12th mile, Kanhirangad village and murdered the victims 28 years old Ummer and his 20 years old wife Fathima etc. As per the direction of the District Police Chief, Wayanad Sri. K M Devassia, DySP Mananthavady took up the investigation in this case.

Initially there were no clues about the accused, reason for the murder etc. The IO utilized services of dog squad, scientific officer, finger print expert, department photographer etc. for collecting evidence. The finger print expert lifted chance finger prints and foot prints from the floor and the scientific officer collected blood samples from the scene. Only a part of footprint of suspected accused was developed from the place of occurrence as evidence.

The IO conducted inquest and all the inquest procedures were videographed. After the initial investigation the IO came to a conclusion that it was a case of murder for gain. It was also revealed that the accused assaulted Ummer and Fathima on their head with some iron rod like objects, murdered them and robbed around 9 sovereigns of gold ornaments worn by Fathima. Hence section 397 IPC was added in this case.

Considering the gravity of the case a team of 28 Police officers had been formed with the approval of District Police Chief Wayanad. They were divided into groups and specific targets were given to each group. Possibilities of involvement of fundamental activists, partners of agricultural works and business of the victim Ummer and Brother Abdulla were deeply verified. Around 15 CCTV visuals between Mananthavady and Kuttiyady were collected and verified. Complicity of accused persons in identical cases was examined.

Details of night service vehicles such as buses, auto rickshaws, taxis etc. were collected and examined. Details of migrant labourers in that area were collected and their complicity verified in this case by questioning and taking foot prints. Observed and verified local suspects.

Mobile Tower dump was collected and verified from Purinji, Pakranthalam and Kanhirangadu for a period from 05.07.2018 at 22.00 hrs to 06.07.2018 06.00 hrs. Notice served under section 54 KP act in different jewelries, financial institutions etc. 4 information boxes were deployed in different corners to collect evidence from the public. Published news regarding the incident in newspapers and local news channels. The open wells near to the scene were dried and examined for getting the weapon. Finger prints and foot prints of the locals between 18 and 60 years were collected and examined with the help of FP unit.

During the course of investigation, 757 MO criminals were listed out and verified. Out of these one Viswanathan @ Viswan S/o Valsan, age: 45/18, Kalangottummel (H), Maruthora, Kavilumpara, Thottilpalam, accused in Kuttyady PS Cr. No. 63/02 was found spending money lavishly after the incident. On further investigation by collecting the CDR of phone No. 7025723664, which was taken in the name of of Viswan's wife Mahija and used by Viswan, revealed that the same SIM had been using in different IMEI numbers and one of them ie 355686058916237, was used by deceased Fathima earlier. As part of the investigation the foot print of Viswan was collected and found matching with the one collected from the scene. On 18.09.18 Viswan was taken into custody from Kavilumpara and he confessed the offence. He was arrested on 18.09.18 at 11.30hrs.

Based on his confession the iron rod used for assaulting the deceased persons, dresses worn by the accused at the time of committing the crime, mobile phone of deceased Fathima, other stolen properties etc were seized U/s 27 of Evidence Act. He was identified by crews of a KSRTC bus in which he reached the place of occurrence on the day of incident.

The investigation was completed after collecting FSL report, scene plan, ownership certificates, certified copies of CDR from service providers etc and charge sheet before getting bail to the accused. The case now pending trial before Sessions Court, Kalpetta.