



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

P R E S S N O T E

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CASES OF SNATCHING SOLVED
GOLD JEWELLERY, WORTH Rs. 1.75 LAKH RECOVERED

With the arrest of a notorious snatcher, two cases of the West Sub-Division stands worked-out.

On 12.07.17, a case of 'snatching' was reported in Nettapakkam Police Station. The complainant Smt. Akila r/o Arumparthapuram, Puducherry, working as Teacher at Govt. High School, Maducarai had reported that on 11.07.17 at about 04.25 PM, when she was coming out of the School, two persons came on a bike and snatched her gold Mangalsuthra. SP(West) Gunasekaran, who received an input, formed a team, comprising of Circle Inspector Kalaiselvam, SIs Nandakumar, Kumaravel & Murugan and Men of Nettapakkam Circle.

In yet another case, which was reported on 03.05.17 at Thirubuvanai Police Station, a gold chain was snatched from Smt. Vanitha r/o Thiruvandarkoil by two riders on a bike near Thiruvandarakoil.

The Police team studied cases with similar modus-operandi and mounted surveillance on known snatchers of Puducherry and the neighbouring districts of Tamil Nadu and finally, singled-out two suspects and laid separate traps for them. In the meanwhile, the Tamilnadu Police arrested the duo and during the interrogation, they confessed to have committed the above crimes. On 03.11.17, the Puducherry Police team took custody of the accused **Viji @ Vijayakumar (26 years) s/o Sankaranarayanan, r/o No.76, LIG Block, Nolumboor, Chennai** and during sustained interrogation, he confessed to both the crimes alongwith one Dinesh of Chengalpet(TN). Scientific method of investigation was also adopted in identifying the accused persons. The interrogation led to the recovery of gold jewellery in both the cases, worth Rs. 1.75 Lakhs.

The accused Viji @ Vijayakumar is a notorious snatcher, involved in more than 10 cases of snatching, dacoity and he was also detained under the Goondas Act in Tamilnadu. The absconding accused Dinesh of Chengalpet (TN) will be arrested soon. He is also a notorious criminal and involved in cases of murder, attempt to murder & snatching.

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