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MUMBAI BANDSTAND MURDER: LIFEGUARD CHARGED WITH KILLING MBBS STUDENT WHO 'REFUSED SEX'

Mithu Singh, a lifeguard, has been charged by the crime branch for the murder of MBBS student Swadichha Sane at Bandstand in Bandra in 2021. The charge sheet is based on the "last person seen" theory, with the motive being attributed to Singh's refusal to have sexual relations with Sane. According to the police, Singh and Sane had a scuffle which resulted in either him pushing her or her falling fatally on the rocks. However, her body has not yet been found.

Singh confessed to killing Sane and disposing of her body in the sea. He also showed the police where he had dumped the body. Sane's father had filed a missing complaint in Boisar on November 29, 2021, and the case was later transferred to the Bandra police station. The crime branch took over the investigation this year and registered a murder case.

Under criminal law, the last person seen with the victim is usually considered the prime suspect and is part of the circumstantial evidence.

Police Files 1790-Page Chargesheet

Mumbai Police has filed a 1790-page charge sheet in the murder case, an official said on Tuesday. It consists of statements of 125 witnesses, including four prime ones, among other evidence, he said.

According to cops, Singh then allegedly took a floating tube and dragged her body into the sea before returning to the shore.

The chargesheet also mentioned that the accused intentionally gave her 13 missed calls after putting her phone on flight mode.

In this case, Mithu Singh and his friend Jabbar Ansari were arrested and are in jail. Mithu Singh had a Chinese food stall at Bandra.

Mithu and Sane were last seen together on the night of November 29, 2021, at Bandstand.

The statements of two security guards of a hotel and two employees working at a Chinese stall of Mithu, who saw them together, have been recorded in front of the Metropolitan Magistrate under CrPC Section 164.



THANE: MORE THAN RS 28.3 LAKH SIPHONED OFF FROM DEAD MAN'S BANK ACCOUNT

Based on a complaint, the police have registered a case under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act, an official said.



An offence has been registered in Maharashtra's Thane city against unidentified persons who allegedly siphoned off more than Rs 28.3 lakh from a deceased man's bank account, police said on Tuesday.

Based on a complaint, the police have registered a case under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act, an official said.

The man had died in September 2021, and his father went to a private bank, where he had an account, to intimate them about the death in February 2022, he said.

The bank statement of the deceased man's account revealed that more than Rs 28.3 lakh had been siphoned off between September 2021 and April 2022 by way of transactions to unidentified persons, the official said, adding that a probe is underway.

MAN HELD OVER THREAT TO KILL MAHARASHTRA CM SHINDE

The suspect, Rajesh Agwane, who works as a ward boy at a hospital in Mumbai, made the threatening call to the police control room on Monday night



The Pune police have detained and questioned a 42-year-old drunken man for allegedly threatening to kill Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, officers informed on Tuesday.

The suspect, Rajesh Agwane, who works as a ward boy at a hospital in Mumbai, made the threatening call to the police control room on Monday night in an inebriated condition, officials said.

Police officials said that the man had called on helpline '112' which is the line to the police control room asking for an ambulance but when he was told to dial '108' (ambulance service number) he got abusive and threatened to kill CM Shinde.

The police further informed that during the call, his wife took the phone and informed the officials that her husband is in a drunken state.

"During the call, his wife took the phone and informed the operator that the person is not in his senses and is drunk. Nonetheless, we took serious cognisance of the threat, we launched an investigation. The person was detained today and questioned," an officer said. Further investigation is underway.

TWITTER USER SHARES PHOTO OF COPS RIDING SCOOTER WITHOUT HELMET, MUMBAI POLICE RESPONDS

A TWITTER USER SHARED A PHOTO OF TWO FEMALE POLICE PERSONNEL RIDING A SCOOTER WITHOUT HELMETS IN MUMBAI.

Wearing a helmet while riding a two-wheeler is mandatory in India and the rule applies to everyone. The Motor Vehicles Act, specifically Section 129, addresses two-wheeler drivers, stating that driving/riding a two-wheeler without a helmet is a traffic violation and an illegal offence in the country.

Recently, a Twitter user shared a photo of two female police personnel riding a scooter without helmets in Mumbai. He also tagged the official Twitter handles of Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde, Deputy CM of State Devendra Fadnavis, and Mumbai Police in the tweet to take action against the cops.

"MH01EDD0659 What if we travel like this?? Isn't this a traffic rule violation? @MumbaiPolice @mieknathshinde @Dev_Fadnavis," Rahul Barman tweeted on Saturday along with the photo.

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YOUTH DIES BY SUICIDE, FATHER ALLEGES HE WAS STRIPPED, PARADED FOR SEEKING 6-MONTH SALARY

THE FATHER, RAMRAJ JAISWAR, WHO HAS FILED A COMPLAINT APPLICATION AT THE POLICE STATION, TOLD THE INDIAN EXPRESS THAT WHEN HE WENT TO SEE HIS SON PANKAJ'S BODY AT NAIR HOSPITAL, HE FOUND HIS HEAD SHAVED AND BLACKENED WITH ASH.

An 18-year-old youth died by suicide at his house in Dadar's Prabhadevi last Thursday allegedly hours after his head was shaven, he was stripped and paraded in the locality by two of his employers and their accomplice, his father alleged on Tuesday.

While the N M Joshi Marg police registered a report of accidental death on Saturday, it is yet to file an FIR.

The father, Ramraj Jaiswar, who has filed a complaint application at the police station, told The Indian Express that when he went to see his son Pankaj's body at Nair hospital, he found his head shaved and blackened with ash.

When contacted, Senior Inspector Sunil Chandramore of N M Joshi Marg police station said, "An accidental death report has been registered. We are looking for evidence and verifying facts. Depending on our findings, we may register an FIR." Pankaj used to stay at Kamgar Nagar in Prabhadevi with his father since mid-2022. The family hails from Varanasi.

Ramraj, who works as a driver for a tour and travels company, said, "After shifting to Mumbai, Pankaj began working as a helper at a local grocery shop. While he was promised a salary of Rs 12,000 per month, the employer was not paying him the same."

He added that after working there for five to six months, Pankaj left the job early this year. "He then started doing odd jobs. But in March, his previous employer's brother approached him with a job at his pawn shop. Pankaj accepted the offer... While working at the pawn shop, he kept asking for his previous salary of six months," Ramraj said.

He claimed that as Pankaj insisted on his salary, his employers at the grocery and paan shops, along with an accomplice, assaulted him on Thursday afternoon. "They initially took him to a barber and got his head shaved. They also blackened his face and head with ash. The three then removed all his clothes and forcefully paraded him in the locality," Ramraj alleged.

A local resident claimed, "Ashamed of being paraded naked, Pankaj ran to a public toilet and locked himself... He only stepped out when someone offered him a towel... he wrapped the towel around him and went to his house."

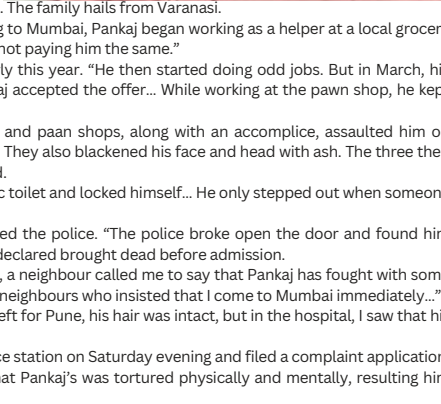
Later, as Pankaj was not opening the door to his house, the local residents called the police. "The police broke open the door and found him hanging," said a local resident. Pankaj was rushed to Nair Hospital, where he was declared brought dead before admission.

Ramraj said he had left Pune for work on Thursday morning. "When I was in Pune, a neighbour called me to say that Pankaj has fought with some people in the locality... Around 10.30 pm, I started getting multiple calls from the neighbours who insisted that I come to Mumbai immediately..."

"Around 1 am on Friday, I went to Nair hospital and saw Pankaj's body... Before I left for Pune, his hair was intact, but in the hospital, I saw that his head was shaved and there was black ash on it," he added.

After conducting the final rites on Friday, Ramraj went to the NM Joshi Marg police station on Saturday evening and filed a complaint application.

"Police are yet to take any cognisance of the complaint," Ramraj said, adding that Pankaj's was tortured physically and mentally, resulting him dying by suicide.



22-YEAR-OLD'S 'JAILBREAK' PROMPTS "UNLOCK NEXT LEVEL" IN CHATGPT

Albert created the website Jailbreak Chat early this year, where he corrals prompts for artificial intelligence chatbots like ChatGPT that he's seen on Reddit and other online forums, and posts prompts he's come up with, too.

You can ask ChatGPT, the popular chatbot from OpenAI, any question. But it won't always give you an answer.

Ask for instructions on how to pick a lock, for instance, and it will decline. "As an AI language model, I cannot provide instructions on how to pick a lock as it is illegal and can be used for unlawful purposes," ChatGPT recently said.

This refusal to engage in certain topics is the kind of thing Alex Albert, a 22-year-old computer science student at the University of Washington, sees as a puzzle he can solve. Albert has become a prolific creator of the intricately phrased AI prompts known as "jailbreaks." It's a way around the litany of restrictions artificial intelligence programs have built-in, stopping them from being used in harmful ways, abetting crimes or espousing hate speech. Jailbreak prompts have the ability to push powerful chatbots such as ChatGPT to sidestep the human-built guardrails governing what the bots can and can't say.

"When you get the prompt answered by the model that otherwise wouldn't be, it's kind of like a video game - like you just unlocked that next level," Albert said.

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MUMBAI WOMAN LOOKING FOR A WORK-FROM-HOME JOB ONLINE LOSES RS 1.15 LAKH

THE COMPLAINANT, EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY FOR SALES COORDINATION, WANTED TO WORK FROM HOME SO THAT SHE COULD TAKE CARE OF HER YOUNG KIDS.

A 35-year-old woman in Mumbai's Vile Parle (West), who was looking for a work-from-home job online, has lost Rs 1.15 lakh to cyber fraud. Officials at the Santacruz police station said they have registered a cheating case and are investigating the matter.

The complainant, employed by a private company for sales coordination, wanted to work from home so that she could take care of her young kids. On March 25, while browsing the internet, the complainant came across a website titled Work From Home. She uploaded her profile on the website and received a link on her WhatsApp number from an unknown number.

After she clicked on the link, she was directed to the website of an online shopping mall.

"When she opened the said website, she came across multiple advertisements offering her work-from-home jobs. In these jobs, she was asked to buy products online, and in return, she would get her money back along with a commission," a police officer said.

Initially, she paid Rs 100 and got her money and commission back. She then bought a product for Rs 1500 and in return got Rs 2147. To buy the product, she was made to transfer the money into an account via a UPI ID, the officer added. Trusting the job and the system, the woman bought expensive items.

According to the FIR, in all, the woman spent Rs 115,960 and waited for the company to pay her back. When the money was not credited to her account, she inquired about it and was asked to deposit more money to get the balance and the commission.

The woman then realised that she had been defrauded by cyber fraudsters. She then approached the Santacruz police station and filed a complaint.

MUMBAI: STRANDED PASSENGERS WALK ON TRACKS NEAR BORIVALI AS WESTERN RAILWAY SERVICES TAKE A HIT DUE TO TECHNICAL SNAG; VISUALS SURFACE

THE OVERHEAD WIRE SNAPPED BETWEEN DAHISAR AND BORIVALI ON UP [TOWARDS CHURCHGATE] A FAST LINE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. THREE TRAINS HAVE BEEN HELD UP AND OTHERS ARE BEING DIVERTED.



Mumbai: On Wednesday morning, local train services on Western Railway came to a grinding halt after a technical snag was reported in the overhead wire between Dahisar and Borivali suburban stations.

According to the information received from passengers, a Virar-Churchgate local halted between the two stations for over 20 minutes.

Commuters walk towards Borivali station

A passenger told FPJ that the commuters are alighting from the train and walking towards Borivali station. She expressed concern over people walking on tracks since it could prove fatal.

The passenger also said that the railway announced repair work is underway and that there are talks suggesting it may take two hours to restore the issue.

"Many commuters voiced that alighting using the ladder and walking on tracks in such to weather is not ideal. The railway announced that an engine will be used to pull the train to Borivali," the passenger added.

Visuals surface

Visuals of the scene have surfaced on Twitter and others have also raised alarm about their train had stopped between Dahisar and Borivali for over 20 minutes.

Senior official says restoration underway Western Railway senior official told FPJ correspondent that a catenary wire, a component of overhead wire had snapped.

"OHE wire snapped at 10.02 hrs between Dahisar and Borivali. 3 trains held up. Others are being diverted and the restoration work is underway," said the official.

Catenary wires are used to hold the contact wire in a straight line. Contact wires are used to transmit power to a pantograph of a locomotive. Part of the OHE line is used for interconnections.

MUMBAI: 2,507 PEOPLE DIED ON RAILWAY TRACKS IN 2022

THE WESTERN SUBURB TOPS FOUR STATIONS ACROSS CR AND WR IN HIGHEST NUMBER OF DEATHS; RECKLESS LINE CROSSING IS MAIN REASON FOR DEATHS, WHILE COMMUTERS FALLING OFF PACKED COMPARTMENTS IS TOP REASON FOR INJURIES



Hurry to catch local trains has claimed the most lives on the Mumbai suburban railway in 2022, according to the official statistics. While the crossing rail tracks has killed 1,118 people, 700 others died after falling off running trains. Overall, 2,507 people died on the rail premises last year due to various reasons, with CR reporting the most fatalities.

While the crossing of tracks is the prime killer, most injuries have been caused due to commuters falling from running trains, according to the data released by the Government Railway Police (GRP), acquired by activist Samir Zaveri through an RTI query. The statistics include figures from all 17 police stations across the Mumbai suburban railway network, which comprises 117 stations - 80 on CR and 37 on WR.

The GRP report, a copy of which is with mid-day, shows that 2,507 people died and 2,155 were injured on the Mumbai suburban railway in 2022. While 1,585 people were killed in accidents on Central Railway, 922 died on Western Railway.

While 100 people died by suicide, 531 deaths were reported as death by natural causes while travelling on trains or at stations. Besides, 11 people died after falling into gaps, 12 after hitting poles, 11 were electrocuted and 16 died due to other reasons. The reason behind the death of 17 people has not been ascertained, as their post-mortem result is pending.

A detailed study of the charts reveals that four suburban railway stations - Borivli, Thane, Kurla and Vasai - reported most deaths due to crossing of tracks. Among the 2,155 injured people, 201 were hurt while crossing the tracks while 1,026 survived with injuries after falling from running trains.

Zaveri said, "My contention is that we can still save more lives on the Mumbai suburban railway. After my public interest litigation, the Bombay High Court on March 26, 2009, ordered that emergency medical rooms (EMR) at stations stay open 24x7. However, the order is not being followed.

"Recently, after my complaint, Western Railway conducted surprise inspections and found EMRs by a service provider at multiple stations closed for 12 hours, from 8 pm to 8 am, and imposed a penalty of Rs 40,000. I request the Mumbai suburban railway authorities to issue guidelines, asking the on-duty station master to check whether EMRs are open at night."

FOUR ARMY JAWANS KILLED IN FIRING INSIDE BATHINDA MILITARY STATION; POLICE RULE OUT 'TERRORIST ATTACK'



Four Army personnel (jawans) were killed in a firing incident inside Punjab's Bathinda Military Station in the wee hours of April 12, according to Indian Army, even as the police have ruled out a "terrorist attack" angle in the incident.

Bathinda's Senior Superintendent of Police Gulneer Khurana told journalists that according to an initial investigation, it appears to be a fratricidal incident.

"...we are in touch with the Army authorities and our team has reached the spot and in-depth, a probe is being done. I want to make it clear that this is not a terrorist attack. The investigation so far reveals that the incident is related to some internal issues," said Mr. Khurana.

Separately, Additional Director General of Police, Surinder Pal Singh Parmar, said "It is not a terrorist attack, it is not an attack from outside. It is a fratricidal incident."

According to the latest statement released by the South Western Command of the Indian Army, "It has been ascertained that in the unfortunate incident, four army jawans of an artillery unit succumbed to gunshot injuries sustained during the incident. No other injuries to personnel or loss-damage to property have been reported."

The area continues to be sealed off and joint investigations with Punjab Police are being coordinated to establish the facts of the case," it added.

The statement said that "all aspects including the possible case of involvement of an INSAS rifle along with 28 rounds reported missing two days back are being ascertained."

The firing incident was reported in the early hours of Wednesday morning around 04:35 a.m. inside Bathinda Military Station, after which Station Quick Reaction Teams were activated and the area was cordoned off and sealed.