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Finger Print Cloning Racket busted by Cyber Crimes, PS, Hyderabad

The Cyber Crimes PS, Hyderabad has apprehended Six (06) Accused Persons namely A1) N.Asadharan @ Rupesh, A3) S.Uday Kiran, A4) Md. Iyaz, A5)Ch. Narendra, A7) R.Shiva Krishna, A8) K.Srinu who have created Fingerprints cloning (Rubber Finger prints) by using Seemandhar Machine. They have done unauthorized transactions in various bank accounts of innocent account holders and looted an amount Rs.10,00,000/- in Cr. No. 2399/2023, U/sec.419,420 IPC & Sec 66(C)(D) of IT Act of PS Cyber Crimes.

BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE:

On 18.10.2023 at 18:00 hours received a complaint from T. Naresh, Occ: Regional Head O/o Fino Payments Bank Ltd, Hyderabad, in which complainant stated that, the Bank is a company, duly registered under Companies Act and has been granted payments bank license by Reserve Bank of India under Banking Regulations Act to carry on Payments Bank business in India having its Registered office at Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra and its regional office at Balamrai, Secunderabad. That, K. Srinu got enrolled as Business Correspondent for providing the banking services using POS (Point of Sale) and Bank's Merchant portal and he has been allotted Terminal ID. On 25th September, 2023, Bank has received a complaint from National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI), regarding the Fraudulent transactions carried out on the K. Srinu Terminal ID using the Aadhar Enabled Payment System (AEPS).

Based on the complaint, CCPS has registered a case under Cr. No: 2399/2023 and took up investigation.

Modus Operandi:-

During the course of investigation, it is revealed that the accused persons formed themselves as a gang, conspired together to get easy money through Aadhaar Enabled Payment System. As per their plan they ordered IMAGE PACK STAMP MACHINE in flipkart app, bought Seemandhar Machine (Heat Machine), polymer Liquid (Gel), Transparent A4 papers and AB powder. In the month of July, A-5) Ch. Narendra who is childhood friend of A-3 Uday, has supplied up to **2500 land registration document files in soft copies (including fingerprints) through pen drive to A1 to A4. They have converted total 1000 fingerprints into cloned Fingerprints.**

According to their plan they have opened various bank accounts and Merchant IDs. So far they made up to 2500 AEPS (Aadhar Enabled payment system) transactions through different Merchant Id's. They shared the drawn amount.

Details of accused and their Roles:

SI.No.	Accused Name	Role

A1)	N. Asadharan@ Rupesh ,	 Master Mind in this case Merchant IDs Created on Innocent persons Opened the Bank Accounts On Merchant ID persons
2)	Rafi	 Editing Picsart Application Land Registration Document Collection(soft copies) for making Finger Prints cloning (Absconding)
3)	S. Uday Kiran	1)Editing Picsart Application 2)Land Registration Document Collection(Soft copies) for making Finger Prints cloning process
4)	Mohammed Iyaz	 Technical Support Money Withdrawals by ATM
5)	Ch. Narendra	1)Supplier of Land Registration Documents (in the soft Copies) collected from Nellore
6)	M. Yuvaraju	1)Given Training to A1 to A4 . (Absconding)
7)	R. Shiva Krishna	1)Arranged the Merchants ID Persons along with Aadhar & PAN Cards
8)	K. Srinu,	 Merchant ID Holder of Fino Payments Bank. Account holder of Indian Bank
9)	M. Tarun	1)Account Holder of Union Bank (Absconding)

Victims get their lost money back:-

The investigation team ensured that an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- is returned to the victims through the bank out of the lost amount of Rs.10,00,000/- as on date. Efforts will be continued till the entire lost amount is returned to the victims.

Seized material :-

The Police have seized

- 1. Seemandhar Poly Stamper Machine -1, 2. Trodat gel bottle -1
- 3. Transparent papers -3, 4) Eight Mobile Phones, 5)Two Laptops

6) 13 Debit Cards 7) 8 SIM Cards 8)One Pen drive and 9.) one Bio metric Machine from the Accused persons.

The Team headed by the Inspector of Police Sri. S.Seetharamulu consisting of team members S.I. Sri Y. Yadagiri, PC Madhu, Absar, Shekar, Mallesham and Pratap under the direct supervision R.G.Shiva Maruthi, ACP, Cyber Crimes and close monitoring and supervision of DCP, Cyber Crimes Smt Dara Kavitha have cracked the said case.

<u>Advisory :-</u>

- **1.** People are advised not to fall prey to schemes and plans which show easy money and high returns on investments.
- 2. Use Aadhar data confidentially and not to reveal anywhere unless it is required.
- 3. People are advised to cross check their account balance and transaction statements periodically and report any fraudulent transactions immediately.
- 4. Youth are warned to be aware of job frauds and be careful before using their finger prints or bio metric data anywhere.
- 5. Any misuse of confidential databases will attract severe legal and penal action by the concerned authorities. Hence custodians of the confidential data base are liable to be punished in case of data breach.

Dr. Gajarao Bhupal., I.P.S. Jt.Commissioner of Police, Crimes & SIT, Hyderabad City.

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SOUTH-EAST ZONE TASK FORCE TEAM - HELD ONE NOTORIOS HABITUAL ATTENTION DIVERSION OFFENDER - DETECTED (03) CASES AND RECOVERED NET CASH OF RS. 5,80,000/-.

On 21-11-2023, The Commissioner's Task Force, South-East Zone Team, Hyderabad along with Santosh Nagar Police have apprehended a habitual Attention Diversion offender and detected (03) cases, recovered Net cash of Rs. 5,80,000/-.

DETAILS OF THE ACCUSED:

Smt. Rabia Begum @ Rabia, W/o Mohd Rasheed, Age 45 years, Occ: House wife, R/o Ali Bagh, Ramnaspura, Kalapather, Hyderabad.

CASES DETECTED:

1) Cr.No. 337/2023 U/s 406, 420 IPC of Charminar PS 2) Cr.No. 125/2023 U/s 379, 420 IPC of Shah Ali Banda PS 3) Cr.No. 304/2023 U/s 379, 420 IPC of Santosh Nagar PS

SEIZED PROPERTY:

- 1) Net cash of Rs. 5,80,000/-
- 2) Ladies Hand Bags 2
- 3) Ladies shoes 1 Pair
- 4) One Black Colour Burqa
- 5) One Rold Gold Necklace
- 6) Two Pairs of Rold Gold Ear Tops
- 7) One Rold Gold Black Bead Chain
- 8) One Samsung Mobile Phone

Brief facts of the case are that, on 16-11-2023 received a petition from complainant Ganapath Kumar and stated that, on 15-11-2023 evening hrs, one woman wearing black color burkha holding hand bag in her hands, came to Jewelry Shop and requested him to arrange loan of two lakh rupees for interest, for that she will mortgage her gold ornament. Later she disclosed her name as Yasmin Begum and shown her ornament (Rani Har), after Checking the ornament he confirmed that it is genuine gold ornament weighing about 75 grms. As such, he accepted to give her two lakhs by mortgaging that Ornament. While the disbursement the loan amount under process she asked him that, what is the rate of interest for the loan amount Rs.2,00,000/-, then he replied 2 percent per month, then she requested him to reduce it for 1.5 percent, but he told her it is not possible. Upon that she hold him to disburse the amount for Some time and took back her Ornament and the same was put in her hand bag, after a while she again gave the ornament from her bag by accepting the rate of interest for two percent for per month and took the cash Rs. 2,00,000/- rupees from him and left away from the shop. Later he noticed that the ornament was made of Rold gold. Hence, he requested to take necessary action.

Today, i.e. on 21-12-2023, on credible information, the South-East Zone Task Force Team along with Santosh Nagar Police have apprehended the above said accused lady and recovered the case property.

On interrogation it is learnt that, in the month of September -2023 she has committed two more similar offences in the limits of Charminar & Shalibanda PS's and absconding since the commission of offences.

Further it came to know that, previously she committed (07) offences mentioned below.

- 1) Cr.No. 113/2006 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Dabeerpura PS
- 2) Cr.No. 202/2008 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Chandrayangutta PS
- 3) Cr.No. 416/2008 U/s 420 IPC of Saifabad PS
- 4) Cr.No. 356/2016 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Mailardevpally PS
- 5) Cr.No. 24/2017 U/s 420, 380 IPC of Amberpet PS
- 6) Cr.No. 934/2021 U/s 420, 379 IPC of L.B Nagar PS
- 7) Cr.No. 14/2022 U/s 420 IPC of Falaknuma PS

The apprehended accused along with seized property handed over to SHO Santosh Nagar PS for further investigation.

Advisory to Jeweler Shops & Pawn Brokers:-

1) Verify the genuinety of each and every jewelery item before handing over the money to customer.

2) If found any suspicious movement, immediately inform to police station concerned or make a dial 100 call.

3) Maintain High Resolution CCTV cameras in and outside of the shops.

The arrest was made by Sri S. Saida Babu, Inspector of Police, South-East Zone Task Force, Sri B. Jagan Reddy, Detective Inspector of Police of Santosh Nagar PS and South-East Zone Task Force SI's Sri. P. Sairam, C. Raghavendra Reddy & PC's Sri Nayeem Khan PC 5787, MD. Yousuf PC 4104 and Team of Hyderabad City under the supervision of Sri B. Rohith Raju, IPS, Dy. Commissioner of Police, South-East Zone, A.V.R. Narasimha Rao, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Commissioner's Task Force, Sri Mohd Ghouse, ACP, Santosh Nagar Division.

(P. Shiva Chandra) Inspector of Police, Santosh Nagar PS, Hyderabad.