

FF Code : TN/MDU 29/MARCH/07
Victim(s) : Manoharan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Unnamed SI; 2) 2 unnamed PCs
Location : Tallakulam PS, Madurai District
Date of incident: 14/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Manoharan age 51, belongs to the Hindu-Kaikola Mudhaliyar community and works as a watchman.

On 14 March 2007, Manoharan's maternal uncle, Sithanathan, lodged a complaint that Manoharan's family members were making use of Sithanathan's house without his consent and demanding that Manoharan's family vacate the house.

A PI visited the house, accompanied by two PCs. The PI asked Manoharan to come to the police station. Manoharan agreed, and made to bring his advocate Mani with him. The PI shouted at Manoharan. Mani, after talking with the PI, advised Manoharan to stay outside. Manoharan expressed his desire to sell the property.

On 18 March 2007, when Manoharan's son was at home, the police returned. They told Manoharan's son to ask Manoharan to come to the police station under threat of arrest.

Manoharan sent telegrams to Sithanathan and the Commissioner.

On 19 March 2007, Manoharan sent a fax to the District Collector.

On 21 March 2007, when Manoharan was standing at the Azhagarkovil Road, the police arrived in Sithanathan's and asked Manoharan to get inside. Manoharan called Mani to come. The police took both men to the station.

On 23 March 2007, the police detained a bicycle shop owner because of the issue with Manoharan's family.

The police have created bad name for the Manoharan's family among the local people. They have also asked Manoharan (through Mani as intermediary) to pay Rs. 50,000.

Sithanathan [allegedly] has insufficient evidence to claim the contested land.

FF Code	: TN/SAL 52/JULY/07
Victim(s)	: Vadivellan
Perpetrator(s)	: Unnamed POs
Location	: Valapadi PS
Date of incident	: 24/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Vadivellan resides with his family at Valapadi, Salem.

On 24 July 2007, four policemen from Valapadi PS came to Vadivellan's house and took him on a two-wheeler to the station. When Vadivellan's mother questioned the police, they told her that there was a case on Vadivellan regarding a wedding he had conducted 10 years back. She told the police that the case was under investigation at the court and asked them why they wanted to take Vadivellan. The police did not respond.

The police kept Vadivellan at the station until 10.00pm. They did not allow him to meet any of his relatives. Later, the police asked him to sign in a statement stating that he would be at the station the next day, before sending him home.

The next day, Vadivellan went to the station. There, the police asked Vadivellan if he knew a person named Pandian. Vadivellan responded that he did not. The police then threatened to file a case against Vadivellan, alleging that he was related to Pandian, unless he paid them Rs. 10,000. Vadivellan called his brother and his mother, asking them to get Rs. 10,000 by any means. The police did not provide Vadivellan with any food all day.

On 26 July 2007, the DSP called the police and had asked them why they had arrested Vadivellan. Later, an officer from the Chief Minister's Special Cell and a Human Rights Organisation questioned the police.

The police let Vadivellan go, but threatened to file false charges against him.

FF Code	: TN/KK 34/AUGUST/07
Victim(s)	: Karthikeyan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ganesan, PI; 2) Sorubarani, PI
Location	: Victim's house; Kulacchal PS
Date of incident	: 02/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Karthikeyan, age 55, resides at North Soorangudi Post, Kanyakumari District. He earns his living by working in cultivation. Karthikeyan lives with his three sons, as well as his mentally ill daughter Sathiyarani.

Karthikeyan's niece married PI Ganesan. Afterwards, the PI regularly threatened Karthikeyan and his family with false charges of complicity in the death of Karthikeyan's late wife, if Karthikeyan would not give the PI jewels and property that the PI alleged Karthikeyan's late wife to have bequeathed to him.

On 2 February 2007 at around 5.00am, the PI arrived at Karthikeyan's house with female PI Sorubarani, five male PCs, and one female PC. All were armed with revolvers and batons. Karthikeyan had gone for a walk at the time and was not home. The police forced their way into Karthikeyan's house when his son answered the door, and proceeded to search all of the rooms.

PI Sorubarani forcibly opened the door to Sathiyarani's room, caught hold of her hair, and tried to take her away from the house. When Karthikeyan arrived and shouted, PI Ganesan threatened him with a revolver. PI Ganesan caught hold of Karthikeyan's housemaid Leelavathi, slapped her cheeks, dragged her outside, and called her a "dog."

At around 5.30am, hearing the noise, Karthikeyan's neighbours gathered at Karthikeyan's house. On seeing them, PI Ganesan forced Karthikeyan, his family, and Leelavathi into a vehicle. When Karthikeyan resisted, the PI hit him with his hand, and a PC threatened him with a baton.

At around 6.45am, the vehicle arrived at the Kulacchal PS, despite that Karthikeyan's house is in the jurisdiction of the Etthamozhi PS. At the station, the police made Karthikeyan and his son sit in the central cell, while they locked Leelavathi and Sathiyarani in separate rooms.

Later, Karthikeyan learned that the police had collected Sathiyarani's signature on blank papers affixed with revenue stamps, by threatening to foist false charges against her family.

At around 9.00am, PI Ganesan left the station.

At around 11.30am, PI Ganesan returned. Karthikeyan threatened to organise a public demonstration against Sathiyarani's treatment.

At around 1.00pm, several influential locals arrived to see Karthikeyan. PI Ganesan told them that the police had detained Karthikeyan after hearing allegations that Karthikeyan had been abusing Sathiyarani.

The police let Leelavathi go immediately, and promised to let Karthikeyan and his family go after collecting their signatures.

Karthikeyan signed a paper as directed by the police, and transcribed his testimony as dictated by PI Ganesan. Meanwhile, Sathiyarani's mental condition worsened.

At 7.30pm, the police let Karthikeyan and his family go. Karthikeyan had Sathiyarani admitted to the Sangaralingam hospital.

On 2 February 2007, on returning home, Karthikeyan inspected a safe that he operated for money-lending purposes with governmental permission. He noted that gold jewellery and a sum of money were missing. Karthikeyan compensated the jewellery owners, but did not lodge a complaint, fearing the police.

PI Ganesan visited the Sangaralingam Hospital and insisted that the doctors there discharge Sathiyarani. On 10 March 2007, Sathiyarani was discharged.

Sathiyarani underwent treatment at the Dhanvandiri Hospital in Tirunelveli between 10 and 22 March 2007.

On 11 April 2007, Karthikeyan filed complaints regarding the theft with the SP (Kanyakumari District), the DIG (Tirunelveli), the Commissioner of Police (Chennai), and the Chief Minister (Tamil Nadu).

On 14 April 2007, knowing that Karthikeyan had sent petitions to higher authorities, PI Ganesan, threatened Karthikeyan when he saw him near the Vattakarai River. The PI told Karthikeyan that his petitions would be ineffective.

Complaints were sent to the NHRC, the SHRC, the NCW, and the TN Commission for Women.

Sathiyarani is presently undergoing treatment at Sacred Heart Hospital, Thodupuzha, Kerala.

FF Code	: TN/TAN 11/AUG/07
Victim(s)	: D. Kumar
Perpetrator(s)	: Rajenderan, PC, Boothalur PS
Location	: Padaloor
Date of incident	: 23/07/2006

Case Details:

Victim Kumar, age 32, is a mason residing in Padaloor, Tanjore.

On 23 July 2006, PC Rajenderan approached Kumar and took from him Rs. 9,500 and a gold watch. The PC tore Kumar's shirt and tried to put him in the police jeep. Kumar escaped from him and was later admitted to the hospital.

The PC arrived at the hospital and threatened to file a false case against Kumar. The PC also demanded that the doctors discharge Kumar, which they did without even treating him.

FF Code	: TN/TAN 12/AUG/07
Victim(s)	: Muniasamy
Perpetrator(s)	: Unnamed SI
Location	: Thanjavur West PS
Date of incident	: 08/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Muniasamy, age 35, resides at Kumbakonam and is a trade union member.

On 8 May 2007 at 2.00am, the SI from the Tanjavore West PS came to Muniasamy's house in a four-wheeler. The SI caught hold of Muniasamy's wife and yelled at her indecently before taking Muniasamy to the station.

At the station, the SI allowed Muniasamy to meet his union leader for only five minutes. Then the SI forced Muniasamy to sign a statement regarding money that he had borrowed from Paetchimuthu. Muniasamy refused to sign, saying that he would pay the money soon. The SI did not accept Muniasamy's answer and refused to release him.

The members of the trade union engaged in a protest. The DSP arrived and brokered a compromise.

FF Code : TN/TIR 87/DEC/07
Victim(s) : Karpagam
Perpetrator(s) : Thanga Durai, PC (Crime
Branch) of Perumalpuram PS
Location : Palayamkottai Taluk,
Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli
Date of incident : 05/12/2007

Case Details:

Victim Karpagam is 34 years-old and resides in Tirunelveli District, Palayamkottai Taluk, Palayamkottai. She belongs to Hindu Thevar Community. Along with running a hostel, she also stitches garments and distributes them in shops.

Perumalpuram PC Thanga Durai resides near her house. For the past few years, PC Thanga Durai sexually harassed Karpagam because she was separated from her husband and lived alone. Karpagam had often scolded him for his behavior. In 2003, PC Thanga Durai opened his pants and revealed himself to Karpagam. She felt ashamed and took her slipper to beat him. Thanga Durai ran away. After the incident, Karpagam lodged a complaint against Thanga Durai at the Palayamkottai PS. No action was taken.

After Karpagam filed the complaint, Thanga Durai began spreading rumors about Karpagam, and told her house owner Mallika that Karpagam should vacate the house. Mallika asked Karpagam to find somewhere else to live.

On 5th December 2007 at around 6.00 pm, PC Thanga Durai caught Karpagam and pulled her hair. He warned Karpagam to vacate the house or else he would kill her. PC Thanga Durai held her throat, causing Karpagam great pain. PC Thanga Durai started shouting at Karpagam. He told her to vacate the hostel and called her a Bastard (*Thevadiya*). When Karpagam tried to push him away, PC Thanga Durai kicked her in the abdomen and sneered at her, asking whether she was so strong as to resist him. The assault was witnessed by others.

PC Thanga Durai threatened to file a prostitution case against Karpagam. He said he would present her before the SI, and then tear her genital-parts (*Pundai*). When he left, he renewed his threat that Karpagam should vacate the house that day or else he would kill her.

Due to the assault, Karpagam was admitted in Tirunelveli High Ground Hospital for neck and shoulder pain. She still is receiving treatment.

FF Code : TN/SAL 57/JULY/07
 Victim(s) : Anjalam
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Salem FGs 2) Vazhapadi FGs
 Location : Vellapatti Village, Salem District.
 Date of incident : 07/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Anjalam was a 45 year-old member of the Kal Ottar Community. On 7th May 2007, Anjalam was threatened by three Forest Guards from the Salem Forest Department and two Forest Guards from Vazhapadi Forest Range. One of the FGs told Anjalam that her house belonged to the Forest Department and ordered her to immediately vacate her house. Anjalam told him that her husband bought the house from Vellapatti Madhaiyan. He yelled at her and ordered her to pay him Rs. 5000.

Anjalam cried and begged the Forest Guards not to make her pay the money, explaining that to earn 5000 Rupees, she would have to toil for 2 or 3 months,

With the assistance of the Vice President of the village and her neighbours, Anjalam paid Rs. 5000. After paying the FGs, the FGs told her that the next time they visit her, she must behave with respect. If she opposes them, they said the FGs would demolish her house.

FF Code : TN/SAL 94/11/07
 Victim(s) : Suganeswaran
 Perpetrator(s) : Constables of Gopichittipalayam
 Location : Panakadu, Salem.
 Date of incident : 23/11/2007

Case Details:

The victim Suganeswaran, aged 27, and his brother Baskaran own a silver shop. On 23rd November 2007, Suganeswaran was managing his shop, when three men came in a private car at about 8.00pm. There were two PCs in car, but neither was wearing a uniform. The PCs accused Suganeswaran of receiving stolen jewels. The PCs grabbed Suganeswaran and lifted his head and then punched his face. They took Suganeswaran to the car.

The PCs took Suganeswaran Forest Department and locked him up. The next day they called Suganeswaran's father and demanded 20 Kg of silver or threatened to file a false case against Suganeswaran for stealing jewels in different districts. Subsequently Suganeswaran gave them 5 Kg of silver.

FF Code : TN/VEL 96/NOV/07
Victim(s) : Kumaran
Perpetrator(s) : Pandiarajan, PI
Location : Town PS, Gudiyatham Taluk,
Vellore District
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kumaran, age 30, resides in Vallalar Nagar, Gudiyatham Nagar, Vellore District. He is a Coordinator for the DMK Party and a member of the Vanniyar caste.

PI Pandiaraj, disliking DMK Party officials, had previously filed cases against several of them (including Kumaran), claiming that they had no recourse because he was influential.

On 20 September 2007 at 10.30pm, while Kumaran was returning from a Party meeting with a friend, PC Shanmugam stopped Kumaran and checked his vehicle. Kumaran was in a rush, so he left his friend to deal with the PC and departed.

The next day at 10.00am, the PI arrived with ten policemen and forced their way into Kumaran's home. The PI demanded that Kumaran come to the station. Kumaran asked to see an arrest warrant. The PI responded that a complaint had been filed against Kumaran, and that other villagers were coming to besiege his house. Kumaran acquiesced, and the PI took him to the station.

In the station, the PI grabbed Kumaran's shirt, pushed him, asked why Kumaran had behaved as he did, and threatened to beat him to death. Kumaran said that the PI could beat him if he dared. The PI threatened to beat Kumaran to death, to hang him from a tree, and to allege that he had committed suicide. The PI also threatened to shoot Kumaran and to claim that he had acted in self-defence.

An SI arrived and pulled the two men apart. Kumaran asked the SI to file an FIR, but the SI would not.

Kumaran informed higher authorities about the incident. The PI was transferred to another posting.

FF Code : TN/TIR 50/SEPT/07
Victim(s) : Anand
Perpetrator(s) : Sundara Pandian, SI
Location : Kadayam PS, Ambasamuthiram
Taluk, Thirunelveli District
Date of incident : 20/10/2005

Case Details:

Victim Anand resides with his family at Door No. 2/66, Pudhugramam, within the jurisdiction of Kadayam PS, Ambasamuthiram Taluk, Thirunelveli District. He belongs to the Nadar Christian community. Anand and his younger brother, Aravind, operate a mud excavation business with a JCB Engine.

Behind Anand's house, he has six cents of vacant land. His neighbour, PI Suresh Kumar (then of Seinthamaram PS, now of Aiyakudi PS in Thirunelveli District) similarly has six cents of vacant land. In 2005, Suresh Kumar encroached onto two cents of Anand's land while measuring his own. The two men scuffled, and then filed a case at the Civil Rights Court in Ambasamuthiram.

On 20 October 2005 at 10.00am, Anand's JCB Engine driver, Sundararajan, went with a man named Alwin to work on Sundararajan's land near the Mathapuram check post. Balasingh, who resided nearby, arrived and scuffled with Sundararajan regarding a land dispute. Balasingh called the police; SI Sundara Pandian arrived and stopped Sundararajan from working.

Anand arrived on the scene with his father and brother. When the SI saw them, he hit Sundararaj on his cheeks and abdomen. Anand's father told the SI that the problem was between Anand and the SI, so there was no reason to slap Sundararajan. The SI apologised and said that he would take Sundararajan to the Thenkasi hospital on his two-wheeler.

On the way, the SI asked Sundararajan where Anand worked. Then, instead of taking Sundararajan to the hospital, the SI brought him to the Kadayam PS. At the station, the SI called Anand and told him that the PI wanted to see him.

At 12.00pm, Anand and his relatives went to the station, where they learned that the SI had brought Sundararajan there instead of to the hospital.

PI Kupusamy asked the SI if Balasingh had made any complaint. The SI said that Balasingh had not. The PI, annoyed, told Anand, Sundararajan, and the others that they were free to do as they wished. They left the station.

The SI later asked Anand and his father to retract the pending land dispute case at the Civil Rights Court. They replied that the case was under investigation at the Court, so they would not retract it. The SI threatened to file a case against Anand and his father if they refused to comply.

A little later, Balasingh came to the station. The SI collected his signature on a piece of paper and sent him away.

At 5.00pm, the SI took Anand and his father to the Ambasamuthiuram Court. There, the SI brought them before a judge. The SI proceeded to produce a complaint by Balasingh against Anand and his father, rather than against Sundararajan. Anand and his father realised that the SI was acting on the ongoing land dispute and had fabricated a false case. The judge remanded Anand and his father to prison.

After six days, Anand and his father were released on bail. They filed a case against the SI at the Madurai High Court.

The SI did not appear in court as requested, so an arrest warrant was issued against him. He currently works in Dindigul.

FF Code	:	TN/VEL 26/APRIL/07
Victim(s)	:	Settu
Perpetrator(s)	:	Puzhal, SI
Location	:	Vellore
Date of incident	:	28/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim Settu, aged 43, is a shopkeeper. The SI was accustomed to collecting bribes from shopkeepers through Venkatesan, one of his brokers. Vepankuppam PC went to Settu's shop and took him to the PS. SI Puzhal was at the PS, and yelled at Settu abusively. SI Puzhal accused Settu of collecting money at high interests. The SI told Settu to pay a bribe of Rs.15000 and he would leave him alone. Settu borrowed Rs.15000 and paid him.

On 17th October 2007, the SI again went to Settu's shop, but Settu was not there. SI Puzhal took the account notebooks and documents. He ordered the employees to tell Settu to go to the PS. SI Puzhal went to Settu's daughter's house and threatened to kill Settu if he didn't come to the PS. Settu was nervous and closed his shop for four days. The SI sent one of his brokers to Settu's house. The broker told Settu that he had a bond against him for 3 lakhs, and asked him to pay a bribe of 1 lakh. After Settu pled with the SI, the SI reduced the amount to Rs.75000.

Settu contacted an advocate and lodged a complaint to the DSP. The DSP enquired into the matter and returned a key that SI Puzhal had taken. But the SI refused to return the account note book.

On 28th October 2007, the SI went to Settu's shop with 4 PCs. SI Puzhal yelled at Settu, slapped him, kicked him and threatened to kill him within two days.

Settu had chest pain and was admitted at Vellore Government Hospital. Settu registered a case at the high Court.

FF Code : TN/SAL 65/AUG/07
 Victim(s) : Illavarasan
 Perpetrator(s) : Arokyasamy, PC
 Location : Ashtampattii PS, Salem District
 Date of incident : 30/06/2007

Case Details

On 30th June 2007, victim Illavarasan, aged 29, was walking on the road with his sister. PC Arokyasamy stopped them and demanded Rs. 100. Illavarasan refused to pay him. PC Arokyasamy scolded him in vulgar language and slapped his cheeks. He told Illavarasan that he was going to arrest his sister on prostitution charges. Illavarasan got angry and scolded the PC.

The incident was reported to the Ashtampatti Police Station. Policemen went and brought Illavarasan and his sister to the PS and enquired about the incident.

PC Arokyasamy was warned and issued a small fine. Moreover, the higher authorities scolded PC Arokyasamy and told him not to drink while on duty.

Police officers ask the pardon of the victim and his sister, and sent them home.

FF Code : TN/TAN 34/NOV/07
 Victim(s) : Johnson
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) K. Jothimuthu, SI
 2) Ramalingam, SI
 Location : Allivanam PS, Thiruvarur District
 Date of incident : 21/10/2007

Case Details:

On 22nd September 2007, at 7.00p.m., Allivanam SIs K. Jothimuthu and Ramalingam went to victim Johnson's house. Johnson, who was 63 years-old, answered the door. The SIs asked for Johnson's son Prabakaran. The police alleged that Prabakaran stole idols from the Kozhindhueswaran temple in Kottur. Johnson told the SIs that Prabakaran was not there.

The police took Johnson to the PS and put him in lock-up. SI Jothimuthu hit Johnson on his back twice and threatened him.

Again on 21st October 2007, five policemen went to Johnson's house and asked why Prabakaran was not produced. The police took Johnson to Kottur PS.

The next day, when Johnson was being released, four policemen took him to Pattukotai PS. The PO told Johnson to produce Prabakaran or he would arrest the women in Johnson's house.

FF Code : TN/KK 24/JAN/07
 Victim(s) : Advocate K. G. Krishnakumar
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Murugesan, PI 2) Mohan, PC
 3) Lawrence, PC
 Location : Savarikaalavilai veedu,
 Kaliyakkavilai, Vilavankodu Taluk,
 Kanyakumari District
 Date of incident : 11/06/2007

Case Details:

Advocate K. G. Krishnakumar, aged 38 years, was residing at Savarikaalavilai Veedu, Kaliyakkavilai, Vilavankodu Taluk, Kanyakumari District. He was engaged in bailing out an accused in a case of attempt to murder. On 11th June 2007 irate Thiruvattar police authorities went to his residence and threatened his mother and his brother's wife using highly offensive terms. They asked Krishnakumar's whereabouts.

The PCs who came with the PI entered in to the house and searched for him. PI Murugesan, and PC Mohan wielded their batons threatening the ladies. The PI brandished his pistol and said he would kill them all, including Manikandanand Krishnakumar. As the public started gathering around the house, the police left.

Later on 11th June 2007, Krishnakumar lodged a petition at the Kaliyakkavilai PS on the incident. No action was taken on his petition.

On 20th June 2007, in front of the Vilavankodu Taluk office, Kuzhithurai Advocates Association organized a demonstration and court boycott against the actions of the police.

Because of the incident, Krishnakumar's family members have undergone mental agony, pain, and loss of self-respect.

FF Code : TN/SAC 100/NOV/07
 Victim(s) : Krishnan
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Kavitha, SI 2) Sasikumar, PC
 Location : Alayilpatti PS, Nammakal District
 Date of incident : 26/11/2007

Case Details

Victim Krishnan, aged 33 years, belongs to the Adhi-Draividar Community. On 26th November 2007 at around 1.30am, SI Kavitha and PC Sasikumar from Alayilpatti Station with another PC not in uniform went to Krishnan's house. The police woke him, telling him a water pipe near the PS broke and water was entering the PS. The police dragged him by his neck and took him to the PS. In the PS, the police interrogated Krishnan over a complaint that he engaged in an altercation with the Government run bus conductor when the Krishnan asked for change. Krishnan maintained that he was only asking for the balance due to him.

SI Kavitha forced Krishnan to sit in a small room until the PI arrived in the morning. On 27th November 2007, the PI arrived and told Krishnan that the higher authorities wanted a case filed against him. Though Krishnan's wife and villagers went to the station to get Krishnan released, the police did not heed to them.

The police took Rs. 1000 and Krishnan's cell phone. The police took Krishnan in a government bus to Namakkal. On the way, the PCs told Krishnan to admit that he broke the bus window and glass in the tea shop. They told him if he admitted it, he would only have one case charged against him, but if he denied, they would file a case under many sections against him. The police said they would arrest him whenever there was a theft, robbery and murder, and that he would go to jail and never get out.

The RDO was not present, so the police brought Krishnan back to the PS. Krishnan repeatedly pleaded that his wife was waiting for him but the police did not heed to it. Later, Krishnan was released on bail, but ordered to return the next day.

Due to his treatment, Krishnan tried to commit suicide. He was admitted to a government hospital.

FF Code	: TN/KK 23/JUNE/07
Victim(s)	: Rajasekharan
Perpetrator(s)	: Unnamed POs
Location	: Nithiravilai area, Eludesam Town Panchayat, Vilavangodu Taluk, Kanyakumari District
Date of incident	: 24/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rajasekharan runs a jewellery shop in the Nithiravilai area.

Some time before the date of the incident, Rajasekharan purchased a fifteen-sovereign ornament from an unknown person.

On 24 June 2007 in the morning, the seller of the ornament arrived with six Viruthunagar police officers.

The officers interrogated Rajasekharan for three days. Rajasekharan told the police everything.

The police asked Rajasekharan if he had bought the ornament. Rajasekharan replied in the affirmative. The police told Rajasekharan to return the ornament under threat of incarceration. Rajasekharan contacted Johnson, the President of Nithiravilai Traders' Association, and explained his situation.

Johnson arrived and spoke with the police, assuring them that the ornament would be returned. A compromise was thus reached.

The interrogation was reported in the Dina Thanthi [newspaper].

Jisthi Mohammed (Kumari District Human Rights Monitor, People's Watch, Madurai), met Rajasekharan several times and recommended legal intervention, but Rajasekharan did not want to take any action. Rajasekharan insisted that he had no evidence to provide concerning his case.

FF Code	: TN/SVG 48/SEPT/07
Victim(s)	: Mr. Paulraj
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramachandran, PO 2) Damodaran, SI
Location	: Salaigramam PS
Date of incident	: 18/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Mr. Paulraj resides with his wife, children and parents as a joint family. On 18th February 2007, Mr. Paulraj got into a dispute with others, who subsequently filed a false case against Mr. Paulraj. As a result, police officer Ramachandran went to Paulraj's house with wooden log to beat him. Mr. Paulraj ran away. Police officer Ramachandran stamped on the chest of Mr. Paulraj's wife with his foot and abused her on caste name. Paulraj gave a complaint regarding the same to higher officials.

On 17th July 2007, Mr. Paulraj was stopped by police officer Ramachandran while riding a two wheeler. He was asked to produce RC book and license. Paulraj replied that the vehicle belongs to his relative and he did not have the requested documents. The police fined him Rs. 400 for not having the RC Book, license and helmet. Police officer Ramachandran threatened Paulraj, stating that since his wife had filed a complaint against the police, police officer Ramachandran will harass victim and his family.

The police fabricated a false complaint on Paulraj's name and told him to sign a blank paper. Police ordered him to appear at Salaigramam PS the next day, on 18th July 2007. Per the order, Paulraj went to the PS. SI Damodaran told to the other police officers that Paulraj's wife lodged a complaint about the police. SI Damodaran assaulted Paulraj with metal baton and verbally abused him with filthy words. (*Eanda Thevadiya mahane, Palla Tayoli*). SI Damodaran stamped on Paulraj's thighs and continuously beat him.

Police informed Paulraj that the blank form he previously signed stated that he was dismissing the case against the police. The police also filed 110 cases on Paulraj's name and forced him to sign in a document in the RDO court. The police also threatened to put Paulraj's name in the "rowdy's list" and imprison him for a year if he attempted to file any complaint against the police. Police also told victim that they will continue to harass him and his family.

FF Code	: TN/TIR 33/JUNE/07
Victim(s)	: Rajadurai
Perpetrator(s)	: Marimuthu, HC
Location	: Alangulam PS, Alangulam Taluk, Tirunelveli
Date of incident	: 27/06/2007

Case Details:

Councilor SP Rajadurai belongs to a Hindu-Nadar community. He was the Councilor for 14th ward of his area. Sub-PI Adhis routinely stopped passing vehicles on T.D.TA street and wrote charge-sheets to collect money from poor drivers. The people from the area reported this to Councilor SP Rajadurai. Councilor S.P. Rajadurai, questioned SI Adhis, and instructed him not to stop vehicles without proper reason.

On 27th June 2007, SP Rajadurai was overseeing the desilting work carried out at T.D.T.A Street. PC Kanagaraj accompanied by another PC arrested SP Rajadurai. The police officers wanted to handcuff Councilor SP Rajadurai, but relented after he paid the officers a Rs. 10,000 bribe.

At the police station, PC Kanagaraj made derogatory remarks about Councilor SP Rajadurai's caste. The police also arrested and tortured Navamani, Rajadurai's brother-in-law, at the police station. PI Sahaya Jose and SI Adhis jointly threatened to kill SP Rajadurai and claim it was an encounter-death. Councilor SP Rajadurai was remanded in court and locked up in jail.

Since this incident, SP Rajadurai suffers from mental depression and fear.