

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT

(Under Section 154 Cr. P.C.)

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Dist. SDC P.S. Cyber Crime Year 2022 FIR No. 115/22 Date 06/06/2022

(i) Act IPE Sections 419/420 (ii) Act - Sections -

(iii) Act - Sections - (iv) Others Acts & Sections -

(a) Occurrence of Offence : Day - Date From 19/05/2022 Date To 04/06/2022

Time Period - Time From - Time To -

(b) Information received at P.S. Date 06/06/2022 Time 13:40 hrs

(c) General Diary Reference : Entry No.(s) 72 Time 13:40 hrs

Type of Information : Written / Oral

Place of Occurrence : (a) Direction and Distance from P.S. - Beat No. -

(b) Address Cyber Space

(c) In case outside limit of this Police Station, then the

Name of the P.S. - District -

Complainant / Informant:

(a) Name Sri. Babulal Malu

(b) Father's / Husband's Name Mr. Birendra Chandra Malu

(c) Date / Year of Birth : 64 years (d) Nationality Indian

(e) Passport No. - Date of Issue : - Place of Issue -

(f) Occupation Business

(g) Address H-2 Block-2, Neel Kantal Apartments, Parami Mandir

Details of known / suspected / unknown accused with full particulars Road, PS Bhaktinagar, Dist. Jalpaiguri

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary) :

Sadguru Traders, registered office at Baban Waman Nigade house, Thorate wardi road, Gulerch road, Pune, Maharashtra

Reasons for delay in reporting by the Complainant / Information

Particulars of properties stolen / involved (Attach separate sheet, if necessary) :

Rs. 3,48,800/-

Total value of properties stolen / involved Rs. 3,48,800/-

Inquest Report / U.D. Case No. if any -

FIR Contents (Attach separate sheets, if required) : The original written Complaint of the Complainant which is treated as FIR is enclosed.

Action taken : Since the above report reveals commissions of offence(s) as mentioned at item No. 2, registered the case and took up to the investigation / directed SI Sriksha Singh Sanke to take up investigation / refused investigation / transferred to P.S. - on point of jurisdiction. FIR read over to the Complaint / Informant, admitted to be correctly recorded and a copy given to the Complainant / Informant free of cost.

As noted in the Original Complaint
Signature / Thumb impression of the Complainant / Informant

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06/06/22
Signature of the Officer-in-Charge, Police Station

Name Prasanna Nayanday
Rank Inspector in Charge
Cyber Crime Police Station, PS, SDC
Cuttack Police Commissionerate

Date & Time of despatch to the court :

on 07/06/2022

Received on 06/06/2022 at 13:40 hrs
vide Cyber Crime P.S. GDE No. 72 and
registered Cyber Crime P.S. Case No. 115/22
Dt. 06/06/2022 u/s - 419/420 IPC ~~for~~ and
endorsed to LSP Siksha Singh Samki for
its investigation.

To,
The Officer in Charge

~~Bhaktinagar PS~~ **Cyber Police**

Siliguri

Sub: Monetary fraud

06/06/2022
Inspector-in-Charge
Cyber Crime Police Station
Siliguri Police Commissioner

Respected Sir,

I, Babulal Malu, aged 64, resident of H-2, Block - 2, Neel kamal Apartments, Pranami Mandir Road, Siliguri - 734001. I have been a resident for 20 years. I work on behalf of Vinayaka Distributors, registered office at H-2, Block - 2, Neel kamal Apartments, Pranami Mandir Road, Siliguri - 734001, which is a sole proprietorship of my son Roheen Malu. On 19/05/2022 I made an inquiry online to procure red chillies from vendors all across India. In the process, I was contacted by Sadguru Traders, registered office at Baban Waman Nigade house, Thopatewardi road, Gulunch road, Pune, Maharashtra - 412102, GST number 27CJBP8302E1ZF on 19/05/2022. We had a conversation about the purchase with the alleged employee, Mr. Ajay Chouhan, phone number - 8950464934, of the said vendor on 19/05/2022. We verified that the firm had filed their GST taxes every month since its inception and dealt with wholesale of spices.

On 22/05/2022 we discussed the qualities of the chillies and I told him that I would be placing an order.

On 23/05/2022 at 11:29 am, Mr Chouhan sent me an estimate of the purchase order, estimate number 547, amounting to rupees, 348800 (three lakhs forty eight thousand eight hundred only). After sufficing my requirements, I was asked to pay some advance to confirm the purchase to A/c no. 10090944175, IFSC: IDFB0041351, IDFC Bank. On 25.05.2022, I made the advance payment to the said account and it was processed. When I asked Mr Chouhan for confirmation if he received the amount, he said that there was some issue with the account and asked us to send the money to A/c no. 32101086530, IFSC CBIN0280661, Central Bank of India, instead. We processed the same on the same day and confirmed it with Mr. Chouhan. We asked him to then ship the consignment to our address. Mr Chouhan informed me that the shipment would leave for Siliguri the next day.

On 26/05/2022 I called the owner of Sadguru traders on WhatsApp, Mr Girish Sambhaji Nigade, phone number 7887080097, as the consignment had not been shipped. He told me that he would talk to Mr Chouhan. On speaking to him I got a confirmation that he was aware of the transactions and my order. Hence, he also confirmed the consignment and told me that he would ask Mr Chouhan to release the invoice and e-way bill since he was not in the country and not accessible. Also, Mr Girish, gave me confidence that Mr Chouhan was his associate and that we could proceed with the business transactions on his behalf. Mr Chouhan called me later in the evening and told me that he was scolded by Mr Girish and asked me not take such actions since he would lose his job.

On 27/05/2022, I was informed by Mr Chouhan that for the consignment to be shipped I was to pay the freight cost to A/c no. 32101086530, IFSC CBIN0280661, Central Bank of India. I made the payment to that effect and informed him.

On 28/05/2022, after constant requests he provided the transport details - Regn no of blue book was MH14HU5867, Regd owner was Vijaylaxmi Vishweshwar Himbargi, driver name was Mr Sachin Varade, phone number 7317636902 and his DL number was MH0120040063709.

He avoided picking up my calls or responding to my messages for the next day 29/05/2022. On 30/05/2022, I called the driver and he told me that he was in Mirzapur and was waiting to fill diesel which he could only do when the final payment was made. Mr Chouhan informed me that I will be provided with the invoice and e-way bills after said payment. I made the final payment to A/c no 3946591977, IFSC: KKBK0001348, Kotak Mahindra Bank. Mr Chouhan confirmed its receipt where the total payment from our IDBI account 0182651100000505 to their three accounts 10090944175, 3946591977, 32101086530 = Rs. 348800/- and said that the truck will reach your destination by the following day.

When the expected time of delivery was coming closer we tried to contact the driver so that we could tell him about our drop off location but his phone was switched off. We contacted Mr Chouhan and after multiple attempts where his phone was initially switched off, he received our calls and he claimed that the driver was not receiving his calls as well. He assured us that he had spoken to the driver the previous night and that the goods were 300 kms from Siliguri and the driver was to be trusted.

On 01/06/2022, Mr Chouhan also told us that the transactions were made to three separate accounts and that his employer Mr Nigade, was facing trouble with his GST filings due to that reason. So Mr Chouhan informed us that he would refund the entire amount, following which he would provide another account number where we would need to transfer the total amount.

On 02/06/2022 Mr Chouhan sent us a screenshot of the NEFT payment at 2 pm. Upon waiting for the two hours that it takes for such transactions to be completed no money was received. Then, Mr Chouhan, called us and asked us to make the payment irrespective of us having received it since NEFT takes time to process. We denied this and told him that we would only transfer the money once it was credited into our account.

Since then, neither have we received the consignment nor have both Mr Chouhan and Mr Girish received our calls since their phones are switched off. Once I had a conversation with Mr Chouhan and at that point, he claimed that the money would get credited to our account.

We suspected that we had been conned as we were informed by bank employees that the beneficiary name attached to the beneficiary account is not verified during NEFT transaction and as such, we doubt that the accounts given to us are of Sadguru traders.

On 4/06/2022, we called the truck driver on WhatsApp and he received the call claiming that he worked for New Delhi Roadlines transport which on inquiry we found was another bogus firm.

Considering the situation we humbly solicit your help in this regard. I want to invoke the following sections 406, 408, 420 against the said parties.

All required documents, WhatsApp chats, and transaction receipts have been attached chronologically.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Babulal Malu
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S/o - Late BIRDAHI CH. MALU

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06/06/2022
Inspector-in-Charge
Cyber Crime Police Station
Siliguri Police Commission
ROHEEN MALU