

18-year-old, parents arrested for 'murder' of 20-yr-old woman

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AN 18-YEAR-OLD youth and his parents were arrested by the Vadodara rural police on Friday in connection with the murder of a 20-year-old woman whose decomposed body was found from the Hazira lake in Chansad village of Padra on December 14, three days after she had reportedly gone missing.

The youth was rounded up by the police after he was captured in a CCTV camera stealing a DVR from the temple in the village to erase evidence. He later confessed to the crime.

On Thursday, the youth had stolen a DVR from the village temple to erase evidence, the police said. However, the temple CCTV had not captured him on the day of the murder. "As soon as the theft was reported, we suspected that it could be the same person. We scanned the CCTV footage and then rounded up the youth who confessed to the crime. While he was alone at home at the time of the murder, his parents were aware of the crime committed by him. They have been booked and arrested for the same," Deputy Superintendent of Police Ravindra Patel said.

The deceased who tied rakhi to the youth had visited him on December 11 afternoon after he had called her home to help him with studies. However, he tried to misbehave with her and when the woman resisted his advances, he killed her in a fit of rage, the police said.

The youth hit her on her head with an axe and hammer instantly killing her. The murder weapons are yet to be recovered. He then tied her hands and legs, covered the wounds with his own shirts, wrapped a mattress around her and then covered it with a plastic bag. The same afternoon, he carried the body on his two-wheeler and dumped it in the lake, police said.

"The youth ventured out of the house when the street was relatively empty. It took him around two minutes from his house to the lake. He had folded and tied up the body in such a way that no one could suspect that it was a human body. He is also a very shy and introvert kind of a person. Nor does anyone in his family have any criminal background because of which no villager suspected that he could have committed the crime," Patel added.

VS HOSPITAL Petitioners challenge board resolution that led to downsizing

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THE PETITION at the Gujarat High Court challenging the VS Hospital downsizing was allowed a draft amendment to the petition on Friday so as to challenge the very resolution that led to the downsizing of the charitable hospital.

The resolution was passed by the board of the hospital on December 17, 2018 to reduce the beds from 1,155 to 500. "It is ab initio void as 5th member from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation is not the leader of opposition but from the ruling party which is against the trust deed," the petition stated. "Majority is acquired by bringing somebody contrary to the trust deed and the resolutions are passed and therefore same is ab initio void," the amendment stated.

Furthermore, the amendment brings to light the deterioration of the hospital since it was downsized. "Since 2019, for reasons best known to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, services at these hospitals have been abruptly discontinued... Photographic evidence shows transfer of beds and equipment, even while the board chairperson had assured the members that 'not a pin will be moved'..."

The petition now also highlights that only three departments are functional at present - orthopedics, surgery and medicine - and the gynecology department at the Chinai Maternity Home.

Pursuant to these addendum, the petitioner-donor trustees - Brijesh and Rupa Chinai - have sought that the December 2018 resolution be quashed and set aside.

The petitioners have also sought that they be provided a copy of a recent resolution of 2019 which was passed based on some structural report that demolition of the existing hospital is required as structural report states that hospital buildings are to be demolished.

The matter is expected to be heard further Thursday.

Autrickshaw driver commits suicide: Police

Surat: A 60-year-old autrickshaw driver allegedly committed suicide following "harassment by traffic police" in Ducca ovara in Chowk Bazaar area on

Thursday night. A suicide note was recovered from the spot, police said.

The deceased, identified as Sarfaraz Shaikh, committed

suicide by hanging himself with a rope in his house.

The deceased's wife Najma and her daughter Rosina were not at home when the in-

cident took place.

Athwalines police sub-inspector P M Desai said, "We have found a suicide note in which Sarfaraz Shaikh alleged

that he was fed up of paying hefty fines every day to the traffic cops. We will get him hand writing verified. On the bases of his vehicle registration

number, we will also find out how much amount he had paid as penalty or whether he was being harassed by any policeman as he had alleged." ENS

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