

Gang rape complainant held on extortion charge

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Police have arrested the alleged rape survivor and her husband for allegedly taking Rs 7.25 lakh from the accused to settle the case, said the police.

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Karnal, Haryana (India): Nearly one-and-a-half months after a woman employee of a noted private school in Karnal accused the owner, principal and a government official of gang rape, the district police have arrested her and her husband for allegedly taking Rs 7.25 lakh from the accused to settle the case, said the police.

Rajiv Kumar, deputy superintendent of police (DSP), said the owner of the private school gave a complaint to the police that the woman was demanding Rs 15 lakh from them to settle an alleged gang rape case.

He said Karnal superintendent of police (SP) Surender Singh Bhoria formed a team led by tehsildar Indri as a duty magistrate and Sanjeev Kumar, in-charge, civil line police station, and arrested the alleged rape survivor and her husband from Sector 12 near Nirmal Kutiya Chowk while they were accepting Rs 7.25 lakh on August 21.

The DSP said, the complainant had also alleged that Rs 6 lakh had already been given to the woman.

DSP Rajiv said two FIRs have already been registered in this case, as the police had received counter complaints from both sides. This is the third FIR linked with that case. A special investigation team (SIT) is probing the matter.

He further said a case had been registered against her under sections 384, 389, and 506 of the IPC and her husband under section 120B. On Saturday, they were produced before the court and sent to 14 days judicial custody.

It is pertinent to mention that the woman filed a complaint at the women's police station on July 6, following which a case was registered against the accused under sections of gang rape of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

In her complaint, the woman had alleged that she was raped in 2018 by the owner of the private school and a government official. She also accused the school principal of being party to the crime. She said they had been harassing her mentally and physically since then.

However, police claimed that the owner of the school had also filed a complaint of extortion against the teacher.

Vinay Bansal, the advocate of the woman, refuted the allegation and said the police were trying to implicate her in a false case. "The allegations are baseless and we will prove it in the court," Bansal added. He claimed that the police had sought two-day police remand, but the court did not agree and sent her to judicial custody.

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