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PRESS RELEASE

**CONVICTION OF PS PAHARGAON POCSO CASE ACCUSED FOR 20
YRS OF RIGOUROUS IMPRISONMENT SENDS STRONG MESSAGE
AGAINST CHILD ABUSE**

Two POCSO Cases, FIR No. 66/21 dtd 30/07/2021 U/s 5(m)(n)(l)/6 of POCSO Act 2012 r.w.s 506 IPC and FIR No. 82/21 dtd 09/09/2021 U/s 5(l)/06 of POCSO Act 2012 r.w.s 506 IPC were registered at PS Pahargaon against accused R Muniya Swamy and were investigated by SI Silpi Singha and then SI Gracefield respectively.

On 22/03/2024, Sh. Bhawani Shanker Sharma, Hon'ble Additional Sessions Judge –Cum- Special Court (POCSO Act), South Andaman District, Port Blair has delivered a significant judgment in the above cases of PS Pahargaon sentencing the accused R Muniya Swamy to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 50,000/-.

This verdict stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of A&N Police, especially the investigating officers SI Silpi Singha and then SI Gracefield, who tirelessly pursued justice in these cases. Under the exemplary guidance of Insp. Girish Kumar, then SHO PS Pahargaon, and the overarching supervision of the Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District, their dedication to upholding the rule of law and safeguarding the rights of vulnerable individuals shines brightly.

The Hon'ble Court's sentence on the accused reflects the gravity of the offense and serves as a powerful deterrent against such abhorrent acts. It sends an unequivocal message to society that perpetrators of crimes against children will be held accountable and face severe consequences for their reprehensible actions. This landmark judgment reaffirms our collective commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community and ensuring that justice prevails.

The exemplary dedication of SI Silipi Singha & Insp. Gracefield underscores the unwavering commitment of the South Andaman District Police to justice. Their tireless efforts not only ensured the successful prosecution of the accused but also exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and dedication to duty. Their outstanding service will be duly recognized and commended, serving as an inspiration to all members of our force.

The South Andaman District Police remains steadfast in its mission to combat all forms of violence against women and children. We stand united with our community in ensuring a safer and more secure environment for all.

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