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## PAHARGAON POLICE CRACKS MULTIPLE BURGLARY CASES AND RECOVERS GOLD ORNAMENTS WORTH RS. 40 LAKHS



In a resolute demonstration of zero tolerance towards crime, the South Andaman District Police have successfully resolved a series of house burglary cases, resulting in recovery of approx. 600 gms of stolen gold ornaments valued at Rs 40 lakhs and the apprehension of the perpetrator.

Between June 16 and June 21, a spate of house burglaries were reported in Port Blair, leading to 04 FIRs being lodged at Pahargaon and Chatham police stations U/s 457/380 of IPC vide FIR Nos 103/24 dated 16/06/2024, 109/24 & 110/24 dated 21/06/24 at Pahargaon and 38/24 dated 17/06/2024 at Chatham. These incidents occurred during the absence of house owners with their residences being locked from the outside, providing an easy opportunity for the accused to execute the crimes. The burglar targeted jewelry and cash in all instances.

Under the leadership of Inspector Rahul, SHO PS Pahargaon, a dedicated team comprising SI S Viswanand, SI Sudhir Kumar, HCs Ravi Kumar Limbu, Sunil Singh Yadav and PCs Ashish Kr. Singh, D Shiv Kumar, S N Pathak, Neelkanth & Santosh Lall was constituted. The team conducted an exhaustive search, collected fingerprints from the crime scenes, utilized sniffer dogs and meticulously reviewed approximately 15 kilometers of CCTV footage. These efforts led to the identification and arrest of the culprit, facilitating the recovery of approx. 600 gms of stolen gold ornaments valued at approximately Rs 40 lakhs.

The accused identified is Irshad Azad S/o Abdul Azad (29yrs old) pvt worker R/o Shadipur, who was also previously arrested in 16 lakh gold jewelry theft case at PS Aberdeen vide FIR 25/24 dated 29/01/2024. The accused knew about CCTV cameras in the area. Before entering their view, he covered his face to avoid being recognized. He used different hidden paths to reach the victims' homes and left by different routes to hide his movements. The breakthrough in the case underscores the meticulous investigative approach, leveraging advanced CCTV analysis, intelligence gathering and cohesive teamwork.

The entire operation took place under the close supervision of Sh. Vikas, IPS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, South Andaman and the overall supervision of Smti Niharika Bhatt, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District.

The public is encouraged to install CCTV cameras in their homes and promptly report any suspicious activity to the police via 112 or the contact numbers 03192-232100, 03192-236641 and 03192-250525. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

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