

COMMISSIONERS' TASK FORCE BUSTED AN INTERNATIONAL CELL PHONES THEFTS & SMUGGLING GANG - Worth 2 CRORE

The sleuths of Commissioner's Task Force, South, East and South-East Zone Teams, Hyderabad along with local police have busted an **International Smart Phones Smuggling & Cell Phone theft Gang** and apprehended (31) accused persons including (01) Sudanese National.

SEIZED: Total property worth 2 Crore.

- 1. (713) Smart Phones.
- 2. (01) Bajaj Passenger Auto
- 3. (02) Computers
- 4. (01) Laptop

In recent days, Hyderabad city has seen a rising spate of mobile phone snatchings in the process of which Robberies, Extortions and even a Murder have taken place. While investigating this, it was discovered that a major criminal network has been operating in the city involving cell phone theft offenders, host of receivers of these stolen cell phones (both national and international) who are in the business of unlawful transport of these cell phones out of the country to sell them for illegal profits. Further, several stolen cell phones are being dismantled in niche markets, their IMEI numbers are being changed and the resultant components such as mobile screen, camera, speaker are subsequently being used as replacement parts for existing damaged mobiles received from customers at a fraction of price in comparison to original company rates. Few weeks back, a similar major network of stolen cell phone racket was busted by Task Force and several persons were arrested.

DETAILS OF THE ACCUSED PERSONS:-

I. <u>LIST OF OFFENDERS/SNATCHERS</u>

- 1. **Mohd Amjad,** age 35 yrs, Occ. Decoration work in function halls, R/o Falaknuma, Hyderabad. (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 2. **Syed Ghayaz Hashmi @ Ghayaz**, age 35 yrs, Occ: Auto Driver, R/o Shaheen Nagar, Hyderabad (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 3. **Shaik Ansar** age 27 yrs, Occ. Welding work R/o Shaheen Nagar, Hyderabad. (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 4. **Mohammed Muzaffer @ Mamla** age: 35 yrs, Occ: Swimming Coach, R/o Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad. (Cell Phone Offender)
- 5. **Mohd. Khaled** @ **Malla Don**, age: 25 yrs, Occ: Cook, R/o Hafeez Baba nagar, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Offender)

- 6. **Mohd. Dastagir**, age: 28 yrs, Occ: Auto Driver, R/o Hafeez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Offender)
- 7. **Mohd. Hamed**, age: 18 yrs, Occ: Tiles Work, R/o Hafeez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Offender)
- 8. **Mohammed Mahmood Ali**, age: 30 yrs, Occ: Painter, R/o Hafeez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad **(Cell Phone Offender)**
- 9. **Sohail Khan**, age: 22 yrs, Occ: Pvt. Employee, R/o Hafeez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Offender)
- 10. **Mohammed Khan**, age: 24 yrs, Occ: Welding Works, R/o Hafeez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad. **(Cell Phone Offender)**
- 11. **Shaik Munawar**, age: 22 yrs, Occ: Tiles Work, R/o Balapur. **(Cell Phone Offender)**
- 12. **Syed Sajid** @ **Chapal Sajid**, Age: 44 years, Occ: Auto Driver, R/o Shaheen Nagar, RR Dist (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 13. **Syed Sharief** @ **Cut Sharief**, Age 48 years, Occ: Auto Driver, R/o Shastripuram, Hyderabad (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 14. **Mohd Mushtaq** @ **Salman**, Age 42 years, Occ: Vegetable Vendor, R/o Chaderghat, Hyderabad (**Cell Phone Offender**)
- 15. **Syed Salauddin** @ **Ammu**, Age: 36yrs, Occ: Auto Driver, R/o Jalpally, R.R.Dist. (Offender)

II LIST OF RECEIVERS

- 16. Shaik Shahbaz Khan @ Shahbaz age.26 yrs, Occ. Mobile Business R/o Asif Nagar, Hyderabad. (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 17. **Mohd Asif Ahmed** @ **Asif** age 28 yrs, Occ. Mobile Business, R/o Falaknuma, Hyderabad. (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 18. **Mohd Ghouse,** age 28 yrs, Occ: Mobile Business, R/o Falaknuma, Hyderabad. **(Cell Phone Receiver)**
- 19. **Mohammed Arshad Mohiuddin** age: 45 Years Occ: Mobile Business R/o. Rein Bazar, Hyderabad. (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 20. Mohd Naveed Uddin Saleem @ Abdul Naveed age: 42 years Occ: Mobile Business R/o. Santosh Nagar, Hyd. (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 21. **Mohd Nazeeruddin,** age 50 yrs, Occ: Cell Phone Business, R/o Golconda, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 22. **Mahaveer Jain** age.44 yrs, Occ. Mobile Business R/o Gandhi Nagar, Hyderabad. (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 23. **Mohd. Abdul Siraj**, age: 36 yrs, Occ: Mobile Business, R/o Chanchalguda, Hyderabad (**Cell Phone Receiver**)
- 24. **Majeed Khan** age: 30 yrs, Occ: Mobile repairing work, R/o Chaderghat, Hyderabad. (**Cell Phone Receiver**)
- 25. **Abdul Hazeem,** age: 34 yrs, Occ: Mobile Phone Business, R/o Near

- Unique High School, Edi Bazar, Hyderabad (Cell Phone Receiver)
- 26. **Shaik Javed Ali,** age: 30 yrs, Occ: Mobile Technician, R/o Chanchalguda, Hyderabad (**Cell Phone Receiver**)

III <u>LIST OF MOBILE TECHNICIAN WHO UN-LOCKED THE STOLEN</u> LOCKED MOBILES AND TAMPERED THE IMEI NUMBERS

- 27. **Syed Raheem** age. 28 yrs, Occ: Hotel Business, R/o Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad. (**Mobile Technician**)
- 28. **Mohd Arbaz Khan @ Arbaz**, Age 25 yrs, Occ. Mobile Accessories Business R/o Falaknuma,, Hyderabad. (**Mobile Technician**)
- 29. **Nizamuddin,** Sage: 29 yrs, Occ: Mobile Phones unlocking, R/o Old Mallepally, Hyderabad (**Mobile Technician**)
- 30. **Khan Sadik Ahamed,** age: 33 yrs, Occ: Mobile Phones Unlocking work, R/o Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad (**Mobile Technician**)

IV. INTERNATIONAL END RECEIVER OF STOLEN MOBILES:-

31) **Mohamed Musa Hassan Gamaralanbia** age: 26 yrs, Occ: Phone Accessories Business, C/o Bhismillah Residency, Nanal Nagar, Hyderabad **N/o Gabr, Khartom, Sudan (Receiver)**

Presently detected cases:-

1.	Cr. No. 194/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Falaknuma PS
2.	Cr. No. 242/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Afzalgunj PS
3.	Cr. No. 579/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Vanasthalipuram PS
4.	Cr. No. 288/2024, U/s 380 IPC of Adibatla PS, Rachakonda
5.	Cr. No. 271/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Guddimalkapur PS
6.	Cr. No. 150/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Santosh Nagar PS
7.	Cr. No. 366/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Begumpet PS
8.	Cr. No. 111/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Mahankali PS
9.	Cr. No. 112/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Mahankalil PS
10.	Cr. No 269/2024, U/s 386 IPC of Asif Nagar PS
11.	Cr. No 436/2024 U/sec 379 IPC of Jublee Hills PS
12.	Cr.No.493/2024 U/sec 379 IPC of Panjagutta PS
13.	Cr. No 494/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Panjagutta PS
14.	Cr. No 217/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Humayun Nagar PS
15.	Cr.No.268/2024 U/sec 379 IPC of Asif Nagar PS
16.	Cr. No 218/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Humayun Nagar PS
17.	Cr. No 245/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Afzalgunj PS
18.	Cr. No 244/2024, U/s 379 IPC of Afzalgun PS
19.	Cr. No. 189/2024 U/s 386 R/w 34 IPC of Chandrayangutta PS
20.	Cr. No. 628/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Gachibowli PS
21.	Cr. No. 181/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Chaderghat PS
22.	Cr. No. 215/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Langerhouz PS
23.	Cr. No. 226/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Saidabad PS
24.	Cr. No. 363/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Amberpet PS
25.	Cr. No. 60/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Kamatipura PS
26.	Cr. No. 152/2024 U/s 379 IPC of Santosh Nagar PS
27.	Cr.No. 386/2024 U/s 379 IPC of RGI Airport PS, Shamshabad

GIST OF THE CASE & MODUS OPERANDI:-

The accused persons Sl. No. (1 to 15) who are cell phone theft offenders are committing thefts/extortion of cell phones in crowded areas like buses/bus stations, Wines Shops and public meetings. All the accused (except one Sudan National) are native of Hyderabad and are common friends. With desires to lead a lavish life and finding their earnings insufficient, they collectively hatched a plan to commit theft/snatching of cell phones and further sell these stolen cell phones to receivers (S.No.16-26) to earn money illegally. These receivers have contacts with mobile technicians at select locations (Jagadeesh Market, Abids) who have expertise in unlocking the cell phones and tampering with IMEI numbers by using un-authorized applications to conceal their offences. It has also been discovered that the cell phone receivers have offered advance payments to the snatchers to encourage them to bring bulk quantity of Cell phones. Subsequently, these cell phones were being sold to one Sudanese National Mohamed Musa Hassan Gamaralanbia, (r/o Nanalnagar, Hyderabad) who is illegally exporting these via sea route.

Previous history of the accused Mohd Amjad:-

- 1) Cr.No: 05/2023 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Chikkadpally PS
- 2) Cr.No: 267/2023 U/s 382 r/w 34 IPS of Habeeb Nagar PS

Previous history of the accused Syed Ghayaz Hashmi @ Ghayaz:-

- 1) Cr.No.238/2012 U/s 379 IPC of Asif Nagar PS
- 2) Cr.No.168/2012 U/s 120b IPC 25(A) Arms Act of Hussaini Alam PS
- 3) Cr.No.32/2013 U/s 379 IPC of Abids PS
- 4) Cr.No.328/2013 U/s 382,511 IPC of Amberpet PS
- 5) Cr.No.328/2016 U/s 382 r/w34 IPC of Chandrayangutta PS
- 6) Cr.No.284/2017 U/s 379 IPC of Abids PS
- 7) Cr.No.562/2019 U/s 420,379 r/w 411 IPC of Begumpet PS
- 8) Cr.No.28/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Banjara Hilla PS
- 9) Cr.No.7/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Begumpet PS
- 10) Cr.No.13/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Begumpet PS
- 11) Cr.No.10/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Charminar PS
- 12) Cr.No.8/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Charminar PS
- 13) Cr.No.9/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Charminar PS
- 14) Cr.No.25/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Jublee Hills PS
- 15)Cr.No.8/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Moghalpura PS
- 16) Cr.No.4/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Santosh Nagar PS
- 17) Cr.No.11/2020 U/s 379 IPC of Sultan Bazar PS
- 18) Cr.No.589/2021 U/s 392 IPC of Mailadvpally PS
- 19) Cr.No.62/2022 U/s 379 IPC of Hussaini Alam PS

Previous history of the accused Mohd Arbaz Khan @ Arbaz :-

Cr.No: 131/2016 U/s 379 IPC of Begumbazar PS

Previous history of Mohammed Arshad Mohiuddin:-

Cr.No: 184/2015 U/s 379 IPC of Chaderghat PS

Previous history of the accused Mohd Nazeeruddin:-

Cr. No. 207/2018, U/s 379 IPC of Musheerabad PS

Previous history of the accused Mahaveer Jain:-

- 1) Cr.No.7/2008 U/s 380 IPC of Madhapur PS
- 2) Cr.No.115/2008 U/s 380 IPC of Madhapur PS

3) Cr.No.596/2008 U/s 380 IPC of Madhapur PS

Previous history of Mohd. Mahmood

- 1) Cr. No. 220/2020, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Kanchanbagh
- 2) Cr.No.260/2021, U/s 380 IPC of P.S. Kalapather.
- 3) Cr.No. 412/2021, U/s 379 IPC of PS Chadherghat
- 4) Cr.No. 181/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Dabeerpura.
- 5) Cr.No. 414/2021, U/s 379 IPC of PS Chadherghat.
- 6) Cr. No. 268/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S Kanchanbagh.
- 7) Cr.No. 725/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Raidugh, Cyb.
- 8) Cr.No. 1386/2021, U/s 379 IPC of PS Madhapur, Cyb.
- 9) Cr.No.169/2021, U/s 420, 379 IPC of P.S. Marredpally.
- 10) Cr.No.1147/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Mailardevpally.

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- 1) Cr. No. 220/2020, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Kanchanbagh.
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- 4) Cr.No.181/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Dabeerpura.
- 5) Cr.No.414/2021, U/s 379 IPC of PS Chadherghat.
- 6) Cr.No.268/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S Kanchanbagh.
- 7) Cr.No.725/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Raidugh, Cyb.
- 8) Cr.No.1386/2021, U/s 379 IPC of PS Madhapur, Cyb.
- 9) Cr.No.169/2021, U/s 420, 379 IPC of P.S. Marredpally.
- 10) Cr.No.1147/2021, U/s 379 IPC of P.S. Mailardevpally.

Previous cases of Mohd. Khaled

- 1) Cr.No. 790/2021 U/s 420,379 IPC of Chilkalguda.
- 2) Cr.No. 369/2021 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Malakpet
- **3**) Cr.No. 1104/2021 U/s 379 IPC of Vanastalipuram
- **4)** Cr.No. 203/2021 U/s 420, 379 IPC of Kamatipura PS.

Previous cases of Syed Sajid @ Chapal Sajid

- 1) Cr.No. 64/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 2) Cr.No. 100/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 3) Cr.No. 197/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 4) Cr.No. 593/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Afzalgunj
- 5) Cr.No. 596/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 6) Cr.No. 607/2003 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 7) Cr.No. 176/2004 U/s 379 IPC of PS Musheerabad
- 8) Cr.No. 369/2004 U/s 379 IPC of PS Saifabad
- 9) Cr.No. 370/2004 U/s 379 IPC of PS Saifabad
- 10) Cr.No. 371/2004 U/s 379 IPC of PS Saifabad
- 11) Cr.No. 426/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Narayanguda
- 12) Cr.No. 427/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Narayanguda
- 13) Cr.No. 604/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Chaderghat
- 14) Cr.No. 892/2008 U/s 379 IPC of PS Afzalgunj
- 15) Cr.No. 129/2009 U/s 379 IPC and 102 Cr.PC of PS Falaknuma
- 16) Cr.No. 605/2009 U/s 379 IPC of PS Humayunnagar
- 17) Cr.No. 202/2010 U/s 379, 511 IPC of PS Nampally
- 18) Cr.No. 35/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Mailardevpally
- 19) Cr.No. 248/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Moinabad
- 20) Cr.No. 720/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Mailardevpally
- 21) Cr.No. 721/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Mailardevpally

- 22) Cr.No. 723/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Mailardevpally
- 23) Cr.No. 111/2014 U/s 457, 380 IPC of PS Pahadisharif
- 24) Cr.No. 299/2017 U/s 379 IPC of PS Saroornagar
- 25) Cr.No. 318/2017 U/s 379 IPC of PS Saroornagar
- 26) Cr.No. 607/2019 U/s 379 IPC of PS Rajendranagar
- 27) Cr.No. 65/2020 U/s 380 IPC of PS Mailardevpally

Previous cases of Syed Sharief @ Cut Sharief

- 1) Cr.No. 224/2004 U/s 379 IPC of PS Afzalgunj
- 2) Cr.No. 63/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Begum Bazar
- 3) Cr.No. 65/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Begum Bazar
- 4) Cr.No. 44/2006 U/s 379 IPC of PS Shahinayathgunj
- 5) Cr.No. 45/2006 U/s 379 IPC of PS Shahinayathgunj
- 6) Cr.No. 47/2006 U/s 379 IPC of PS Shahinayathgunj
- 7) Cr.No. 133/2010 U/s 3 & 4 APGA of PS Falaknuma
- 8) Cr.No. 367/2011 U/s 379 IPC of PS Hayathnagar
- 9) Cr.No. 67/2014 U/s 379 IPC of PS Madapur
- 10) Cr.No. 69/2014 U/s 379 IPC of PS Madapur

Previous cases of Mohd Mushtaq @ Salman

- 1) Cr.No. 33/2021 U/s 25 (A) (1) Arms Act, 34 IPC of PS Bhavani Nagar PS
- 2) Cr.No. 205/2023 U/s 379 IPC of PS Kachiguda

Previous cases of Syed Salauddin @ Ammu

- 1) Cr. No. 182/2005 U/s 379 IPC of PS Shahinayathgunj
- 2) Cr. No. 833/2009 U/s 379 IPC of PS Afzalgunj
- 3) Cr. No. 28/2019 U/s 324 IPC of PS Afzalgunj
- 4) Cr. No. 265/2020 U/s 307 R/w 34 IPC of PS Afzalgunj

After thorough investigation, Hyderabad police have apprehended the above said accused persons and seized (713) Smart Phones of various mobile phone brands such as Apple iPhone, Samsung, Vivo, Redmi, Realme, Oneplus, Oppo and POCO from them. Further investigation is underway in the case.

The citizens of Hyderabad city are hereby advised to be vigilant when moving in crowded places and to report any snatching/theft incident to the police at the earliest. Further, mobile shop owners in the city are cautioned to refrain from purchasing/selling of stolen cell phones or engaging in illegal activities such as tampering of IMEI numbers as strict legal action will be taken up against them.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of **A. Srinivasa Rao**, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Inspector **Shaik Jakeer Hussain**, (South Task Force), Inspector **D. Venkat Reddy**, (South-East Task Force), Inspector **A. Nagarjuna**, (East Task Force) and team.

Ms. S Rashmi Perumal, IPS

Deputy Commissioner of Police Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad