

A 25-year-old woman reportedly committed suicide in the office of the Rajpura Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM). She was allegedly upset over the "lackadaisical" attitude of the police officials looking into her complaint for the past few days. In a suicide note, she alleged that a resident of Rajpura and his uncle had sexually exploited her for nearly two months. The woman, Arti, a resident of Jaggi Colony, Rajpura, came to the office of the SDM with a letter this morning and demanded that she be allowed to meet the SDM. In her letter, she stated that the duo, identified as Des Raj and Bhinda, have sexually exploited her and now she wanted to end her life as no action was initiated against them despite repeated complaints. SDM Gurtej Singh said a woman was shouting outside her office and he called her inside. "As soon as she sat on the chair, she complained of vomiting and fainted," said the SDM. He said she was rushed to the civil hospital where she died later in the evening. The SDM said the letter she was carrying had been forwarded to the Rajpura DSP for investigation. The letter stated that the police officials failed to initiate action against those who allegedly raped her for nearly two months. Demanding stringent action against them, the letter stated that her three children should be taken care of after her death. Meanwhile, Rajpura SHO said the woman was booked in a theft case a few months back. She along with the two men - Des Raj and Bhinda - had called up a man from Nabha on the pretext of giving prize by a mobile company and robbed him of cash and mobile phones near the Rajpura grain market.

Three incidents of chain snatching wherein three women were relieved of their gold chains worth Rs1.29 lakh were reported in the city recently. The incidents took place at Hadapsar, Salisbury Park and Navi Peth areas. Sujata Vijay Bhosale (37), a resident of Shukrawar Peth has lodged a complaint with the Swargate police stating that two unidentified persons on two-wheeler snatched

her gold chain worth Rs60,000. The incident took place at Salisbury Park area when Bhosale was waiting for an autorickshaw. In the second incident, a suspect snatched a gold chain worth Rs45,500 of Shalini Sanjay Karande (37), a resident of Mumbai and escaped. The incident took place at Hadapsar on late Saturday night. Sub-inspector Dattatreya Survase of Hadapsar police station is investigating the case. In the third incident, a 75-year-old woman fell prey to some unidentified chain snatchers at Navi Peth on late Sunday night. A complaint has been lodged by Vijaya Yashwant Kale (75), a resident of Phatakbaug Navi Peth with the Vishrambaug police. The police said the incident took place when Kale was returning home from the medical shop. The suspects snatched her gold chain worth Rs24,000 and fled on two-wheelers. Sub-inspector RS Jagtap is investigating the case. No arrests have been made so far.