

EXHIBIT I

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To:
Ann Arbor Police Department
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Nov 6th, 2011

Dear Chief Jones,

Subject: Filing a complaint regarding death threat from Nithyananda Swami

My name is Aarthi Rao, I am a resident of Ann Arbor and a citizen of the United States of America. I am facing a grave threat to my life from the spiritual guru and *Cult leader* Nithyananda Swami. I am submitting this complaint to report a death threat issued by Nithyananda Swami, directed towards me. Nithyananda has told very clearly that he has filed criminal and civil complaints against me through his followers. *He said in no uncertain terms that unless I withdraw my statements against him (which I gave to the criminal investigators in India, after which Nithyananda is facing criminal charges of rape and fraud), many more (false) criminal and civil complaints will be filed against me in America and India! Nithyananda has threatened to kill me if I continue to cooperate with the prosecution efforts against him in India!* I am extremely worried about this threat to my life and physical safety and I am very disturbed about harassment from malicious and false criminal complaints against me, and being falsely arrested. As an American citizen, I plead the authorities to protect me by investigating and punishing this crook Nithyananda Swami and his US associates Mr. Gopal Reddy Sheelum, Mr. Siva Vallabhaneni and Mrs Ragini Vallabhaneni.

I am a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where I have lived along with my husband for over eleven years, as a peaceful & responsible member of the community. With a desire to serve the community, I regularly volunteered with non-profit organizations, including the foundations run by Nithyananda Swami. Nithyananda is a self-declared holy man and the founder and spiritual leader of several non-profit organizations across the USA, with its headquarters in Los Angeles area in California. Nithyananda Foundation, Life Bliss Foundation, Nithyananda Vedic Temple, Nithyananda Yoga Foundation are some of his profitable spiritual businesses (complete list of organizations attached). Although he is a citizen of India, he visits USA frequently to conduct several programs and talks.

Nithyananda is not only a sexual predator and a con artist, but also the leader of a dangerous Cult' and poses a serious threat to American citizens. I am one of several victims raped and abused by Nithyananda. I urge you to investigate the fraud, sexual abuse, money laundering and racketeering affairs of Nithyananda Swami, who conducts his fraudulent affairs through his 17 non profit organizations across the US and several "for-profit" investment companies in several US states.

Please investigate and prosecute Nithyananda & his associates, and put and end to his crimes in the interest of justice and safety for Americans!!

In March 2010, a whistleblower complained to authorities in India and exposed the misdeeds of Nithyananda. After that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Karnataka State Police, India, investigated the complaints against Nithyananda and his associates. Nithyananda was arrested in April 2010 and kept in custody for 53 days and later released on bail in Jun 2010. I gave a statement to the CID in Aug 2010 about the abuses perpetrated on me by Nithyananda. Later in November 2010 CID filed charges against Nithyananda and four of his associates, for aggravated rape, fraud, cheating, criminal intimidation, etc. Since charges were filed, Nithyananda has instigated his followers to harass and silence the whistleblower, victims and key prosecution witnesses by filing several false criminal and civil complaints in India and US. These were noted by the CID and a petition to cancel bail for Nithyananda Swami and his co-accused Gopal Reddy Sheelum for intimidating prosecution witnesses was filed in Karnataka High Court. All of these incidents have been widely reported in the Indian media. Following the criminal charges in India, lawsuits¹¹ for fraud, racketeering and sexual abuses by Nithyananda and his Cultic organizations were filed in California by other ex-members of the Cult.

Since, as a rape victim, I am an important witness in the criminal prosecution of Nithyananda in India, he has been harassing and intimidating me directly and indirectly through his followers, issuing death threat if I don't withdraw my statements against him in India.

I had filed a complaint with Ann Arbor police around January 2011, stating the threat to my life from Nithyananda and his followers. Fearing for my safety I installed security systems in my home in Ann Arbor around March 2011. Several random but repeated phone calls from unknown numbers and strangers knocking on my door at odd hours made it very unsafe to remain in my home. So I had to leave my home and keep moving to different places while remaining in hiding from Nithyananda and his followers. Several false criminal complaints have been filed against me in India by Nithyananda's followers, after the charges against Nithyananda were filed in November 2010 by Karnataka State.

Indications that baseless and false criminal complaints would be filed against me in the USA were found in the (false) civil lawsuit filed against me in March 2011 by Life Bliss Foundation. The original Complaint filed in March 2011 alleged that I had "molested some minor children" in California. But in the First Amended Complaint filed just a month later in Apr 2011, the same statement was changed to allege that I "molested some unknown woman" in California! Already in Dec 2010, Nithyananda had gotten another victim (of his sexual abuse) Mr. Vinay Bharadwaj arrested through (false) criminal complaints filed by his cult members, because Mr. Bharadwaj was preparing to testify against the cult leader Nithyananda. Hence I am extremely concerned that similar false and malicious criminal complaints may have been filed against me through Nithyananda's cult followers, with the intention of harassing, intimidating and silencing me to prevent me from testifying against Nithyananda. On advice from my attorney, I also reported Nithyananda's abuses against me, committed in California, to the Californian authorities, in a complaint dated Jun 6th, 2011.

In addition to such threats of malicious and false prosecution and harassment, I have now received information about the death threats directed towards me by the Cult leader Nithyananda. Due to the grave threat to my life and safety, I am unable to give this complaint in person. I request that this mail complaint be taken on file and investigated.

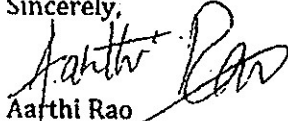
I would like to emphasize that no one other than Nithyananda considers me as enemy. He and his followers are the only danger and threat to my life.

In connection with this complaint and the criminal prosecution of Nithyananda Swami in India, the following documents are attached for your reference:

1. Letter from Criminal Investigation Agency confirming that I am a cooperating witness in the criminal prosecution of Nithyananda in India
2. Translated *Summary of Charges* filed against Nithyananda Swami and his secretaries for fraud, rape, etc in India
3. Threats of (false) criminal complaints hinted in civil lawsuit filed against me (relevant pages from the Initial Complaint and First Amended Complaint are included)
4. *Petition to Cancel Bail* for Nithyananda Swami and Gopal Reddy Sheelum, filed by the State of Karnataka detailing the repeated harassment and intimidation of various prosecution witnesses
5. List of all non-profit organizations founded, directed and controlled by Nithyananda Swami

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me through phone or email addresses provided above (due to safety concerns mentioned here, I am currently not available at my permanent address).

Sincerely,



Aarthi Rao
Nov 6th, 2011

¹ Nithyananda and his Cultic organizations deceive, manipulate, brainwash and control many women and men, luring unsuspecting public with false promises, turning them into (psychological) slaves, exploiting and abusing the members for the Cult and Nithyananda's benefits. These brainwashed followers are a serious threat to American citizens as they are ready to do anything, even commit crimes, for the sake of their leader.

¹¹ CIVRS1008116 -- SAVLA-v-NITHYANANDA FOUNDATION - filed in Superior Court of California, County of San Bernadino

CIVRS1013793 -- BHARADWAJ-v-NITHYANANDA FOUNDATION - filed in Superior Court of California, County of San Bernadino