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| **J 6 Police Station,**  **X7M6+Q9X, Sannadi St,**  **Lalitha Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600041** | **Case Number** :  **Investigator** :  **Date of Death** : | **00002**  **Aravind K. 4/5/2019** |
|  | **Date Today** : | **5/5/2019** |
|  | **INVESTIGATION REPORT** |  |
| **Decedent: V. Lakshmi** |  | **00002** |
| **SYNOPSIS** |  |  |

The decedent is a 39-year-old female who was found dead in the water tank of her workplace, ABC Pvt Limited.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 04/05/19 at 1348 hours, the undersigned, Inspector Aravind K., received a call from the ABC Pvt Limited Security Officer regarding the death of V. Lakshmi, F/39, found submerged in the water tank of the company premises. Per the Security Officer, the decedent was discovered by a maintenance worker who was conducting routine checks on the tank. The Security Officer had little details regarding the circumstances leading to the discovery but mentioned that the decedent had been missing for several hours prior to being found.

The undersigned informed the Security Officer that an investigation team would be dispatched to the scene and the decedent's body would be transported to the Chennai Forensic Department for autopsy.

04/05/19 @ 1517 Hours

While on the scene, the undersigned, Inspector Aravind K., documented the following information: The decedent, V. Lakshmi, had been working at ABC Pvt Limited for over a decade. Colleagues reported that she was last seen at approximately 0900 hours near her workstation. The company premises were thoroughly searched when she was reported missing at around 1300 hours, leading to the discovery of her body in the water tank. No immediate signs of struggle were observed around the tank or in the surrounding area.

Witnesses on the scene reported that V. Lakshmi had seemed distressed in the days leading up to the incident, though no specific reason for this was provided. A knife was found near the water tank, which had traces of blood from at least two other individuals, raising the suspicion of foul play.

In a disturbing discovery, the decedent's palms were found chopped off and stuck to the company's notice board. This finding suggests a calculated and violent attack, further supporting the theory of foul play.

The undersigned, along with forensic experts, conducted a preliminary examination of the scene. It was determined that the water tank is deep enough to cause drowning, and the lid was found partially open. The body was partially dismembered, with multiple lacerations consistent with injuries inflicted by a sharp object, likely the knife found on the scene.

SCENE VISIT

04/05/19

I arrived on the scene at 1517 hours and was greeted by the ABC Pvt Limited Security Officer and the forensic team. The water tank area was cordoned off for examination. The surroundings were undisturbed, except for the presence of the knife and traces of blood leading to the tank. The water inside the tank was cloudy, containing debris and organic material. The body was retrieved and examined on-site before being transported.

The body was lying face down and submerged in the tank. The limbs showed signs of blunt force trauma, and deep lacerations were present on the torso and extremities. The body was cold to the touch, with rigor mortis fully developed. Lividity was consistent with drowning, and the body showed early signs of decomposition.

The decedent was dressed in her workplace uniform. Personal belongings, including a wristwatch and a company ID card, were found intact. A knife with blood traces was found near the tank, which was collected as evidence. The knife was documented, inventoried, and placed in the evidence room at the police station.

I pronounced V. Lakshmi deceased at 1530 hours. The body was sealed with tag #0020984 at 1545 hours. The body was transported to the Chennai Forensic Department for autopsy.

SOCIAL HISTORY

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V. Lakshmi was reported to be a dedicated employee, with no known history of substance abuse or significant personal conflicts. Colleagues mentioned that she lived alone and was generally reserved but reliable in her duties.

FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

04/05/19 @ 1600 Hours

Inspector Aravind K. attempted to notify V. Lakshmi’s next of kin. Initial attempts were unsuccessful, and further efforts will be made to contact her family.

04/05/19 @ 1710 Hours

Inspector Aravind K. successfully notified V. Lakshmi’s brother, R. Kumar, at his residence located at 12/34, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. R. Kumar was informed of the incident and confirmed that he had spoken to his sister the day before. He mentioned that she did not express any concerns or unusual behavior during their conversation. Inspector Aravind K. provided R. Kumar with contact information for further inquiries and explained the need for an autopsy.

04/05/19 @ 1759 Hours

I spoke with R. Kumar on the phone to offer condolences and explain the investigation process. R. Kumar expressed shock at his sister’s death, noting that she was generally cautious and careful. He provided additional information regarding her routine and mentioned no recent conflicts or threats.

I informed R. Kumar that V. Lakshmi would undergo an autopsy and that he would be kept informed of any developments in the investigation. I encouraged him to contact the police station with any further questions or concerns.

DISPOSITION OF BODY

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The body was transported to the Chennai Forensic Department for autopsy.

**PROPERTIES FOUND**

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| **PROPERTY** | **Type** | **Description** | **Comment** |
| 13-01335 | Other Items | syringe | Retained |
| 13-01335 | Jewelry | One white metal earring | -- |
| 13-01335 | Jewelry | One white metal necklace with tooth shaped pendant | -- |
| 13-01335 | Clothes | Pair of shoes | -- |
| 13-01335 | Clothes | Pair of socks | -- |
| 13-01335 | Clothes | Pair of shorts | -- |
| 13-01335 | Clothes | Pair of boxer underwear | -- |
| 13-01335 | Clothes | One t-shirt | -- |