

PRESS NOTE

REVENUE ASSISTANT ARRESTED FOR DEMAND AND OBTAINMENT OF BRIBE RS.50,000/- FOR FIXATION OF VACANT HOUSE SITE TAX

The complainant Parivel s/o Pachai Muthu, No.1, Murugan Street, 6th cross, Sundar Nagar, K.K.Nagar, Trichy-21 is a Engineering Graduate and worked as Supervisor in the construction field abroad. On June 2024, he purchased a house site measuring 1205 sq.ft of vacant house site at plot No.66, Jermia Garden, Abiramapuram, Thuvakudi. The complainant had approached Tr.Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant and presented gave an application to fix the vacant house site tax, Tr.Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant collected the application from the complainant and advised him to come and meet after 15 days. Accordingly as per the instruction of Tr.Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant, the complainant visited the Thuvakudi Municipal Office on 29.07.2024 at 16.00 hrs., and met Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant and enquired about the status of his application. Tr.Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant has demanded Rs.1,00,000/- as undue advantage, after his request, and reduced the demand as Rs.50,000/- as bribe for himself from the complainant, at his seat in the Thuvakudi Municipal Office, Trichy to do favour for the complainant for processing and to send the recommendation report to carry out the fixation of Tax for his vacant house site.

Unwilling to pay the bribe the complainant came to the V&AC office, Trichy on 02.08.2024 at 07.00 hrs and gave a complaint. Based on the complaint, a case in Trichy V&AC Cr.No.10/2024 was registered and a trap was organized and laid in the Thuvakudi Municipal Office, Thuvakudi, Trichy today 02.08.2024. During the trap proceedings Tr.Soundarapandiyan, Revenue Assistant, reiterated his demand and obtained Rs.50,000/-, as bribe from the complainant. The accused was arrested.