

# DO YOU KNOW

1. Crime 914/2004 under Sec.302 r/w sec.33 IPC (Murder) was registered by Vishnu Kanchi Police Station on 3.9.2004.
2. The FIR of that date does record that Shri. Kuppuswamy, Shri. A.S. Kannan, K. Durai Kannan, N.S. Ganeshan (who registered the complaint) all employees of the Sri. Varadaraja Perumal Koil (not connected any way with Kanchi Mutt). Witnessed 2 people with swords hacking to death their manager Shri. Sankara Raman on 3.9.2004 at 5.45 p.m in his cabin. All these witnesses ran after the killers who escaped in a Yamaha Motorcycle and Hero Honda Motor Cycle parked outside the temple. They saw three accomplices of the killers escape along with them.
3. FIR recorded at 7.00 p.m. on that day.
4. No reference by the complainant to Kanchi Mutt, Swamiji or any other person in the FIR.
5. The counter affidavit of the police dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2004 filed in the High Court says in Para 2 that Sankara Raman was murdered 'in the forenoon' of 3.9.2004 where as FIR says 5.45 p.m.
6. This FIR prompted the government to appoint a 29 member investigation team monitored by the Superintendent of Police of Cuddalore, Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur District. Ever heard of such a big investigating contingent even for a 'human carnage'.
7. On 27.11.2004, 5 persons surrendered before the XV Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, George Town who the police claim are unconnected with the crime.
8. Police say that 22 accused persons are involved in the Commission of this murder and out of that 17 accused persons were arrested and remanded to judicial custody. One of the assailants surrendered before the Judicial Magistrate Court, Thiruvotriyur. "22 persons ganging to kill one person."
9. Killing taking place in broad evening light in the presence of employees of the temple.
10. Killing inside the temple premises as if to add to his woes, The Acharya wanted a Shaivite Vaishnavite Clash.

**A public murder** (witnessed by many) at a **public place** (temple) at a **heavy rush time** (5.45 p.m. in the evening) by a **public gang** (5

conspiring with 17 others ) conspired and headed by **a public saint**. Too much for the **public to digest**.

11. None of the arrested claim to have met the Swamiji.
12. The learned Judge of the Madras High Court in Para 5 of his order says “Therefore with a view to find out whether the materials relied upon by the prosecution is available with them, I called for the case diary and perused it. On a perusal of the case diary, I find that there are prima facie materials in the form of statements of various persons implicating the petitioner as the conspirator and money received from him for the purpose of completing the object”.

The evidence is essentially of “statement of others”, most of whom the police claim are hard core criminals. How much of it one can rely, you know.

13. In para 4 of the counter affidavit of the state in the High Court the Police say, **That the investigation is in early stage**. In para 6 it says that **some of the accused persons are notorious rowdy elements and have got criminal record**. In para 7 it says **Many of the vital witnesses are yet to be examined**.

Yet the Public Prosecutor says that the Swamiji is an **Undeserving Criminal** and the counter affidavit says **“He dominates the will of men with poor moral fibre”**.