

Two Delhi women nabbed over false rape charges, extortion

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GURUGRAM: Two women allegedly involved in an online escort service were nabbed on Friday while collecting extortion money from three employees of city-based companies. One of the women had filed a gang-rape case against the trio and started blackmailing them but the latter recorded the threats on phone and approached police. The women (24 and 40 years

old) are residents of Delhi. They were produced before a duty magistrate and sent to judicial custody.

On May 18, the younger woman met one of the men, an executive with a city-based private company, in his rented room in DLF 3. Days later, she reached home on May 20 and told her family that she was gang-raped by three men in Gurugram. Her family rushed her to Delhi's Tilak Nagar police station on May 21 where she lodged a complaint. Delhi Police registered a zero FIR and forwarded it to the DLF 3 police station, where an FIR of gang-rape was registered on May 22.

Police called the woman to Gurugram and a medical examination was conducted in Civil hospital, but the woman refused to record her statement. Police raised doubts on her allegations and sent her home. She then contacted the executive and told him over a phone call that she had filed a gang-rape case against him and his two friends. She also demanded Rs 5 lakh to withdraw the same, but the extortion amount was finalised at Rs 2 lakh.

When the executive expressed his inability to pay the sum, she asked him to give her Rs 50,000 first. On Thursday, he reached DLF 3 police station with the call recordings of the woman. A trap was laid and on Friday, when the woman, along with her companion, reached the meeting point near Sai Mandir in DLF 3, the executive met them with 25 signed notes of Rs 2,000. SHO inspector Ram Kumar and two women cops caught the duo red-handed after they accepted the notes.

An FIR was filed against the duo under IPC sections 388 (extortion by threat), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 180 (refusing to sign statement) at the DLF 3 police station. Sources said the executive told police that he got in touch with the younger woman after searching for 'Gurugram escort service' on Google. "It is a case of blackmailing. The duo was sent to judicial custody and the probe is on," said inspector Ram Kumar, SHO, DLF 3 police station.