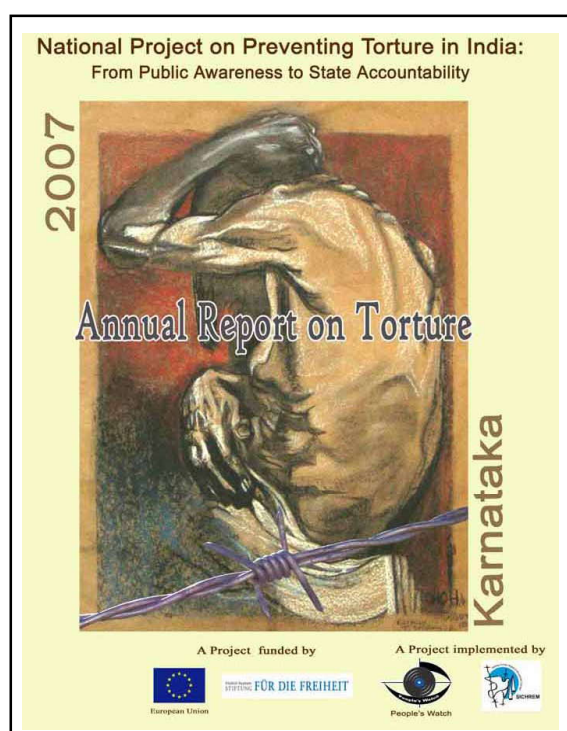


**National Project on Preventing Torture in India:
From Public Awareness to State Accountability**



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People's Watch—An Overview

People's Watch ("PW") is a human rights organisation that has been actively engaging itself in the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Rajasthan since 1995. After eleven years of work, PW has expanded its concerns across India.

Vision

A society free from human rights violations and discrimination to be built through cultivating a human rights culture and building a participatory democracy.

Mission

- Protection of human rights through monitoring human rights violations, intervention and building solidarity with people's struggle for human rights.
- Promoting human rights culture through education and conscientising the larger community.

Brief History and Background

In 1993, Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Executive Director of PW and a passionate human rights advocate since 1977, became determined to professionalise human rights responses in the state of Rajasthan in India. He and like-minded people such as Dr. Devasahayam, the present Director of the Institute of Human Rights Education, and Fr. Diamond Raj, a Catholic Priest with the Archdiocese of Madurai, founded PW in December 1995 along with a team of Advisory Board members. In its nascent stage, the organisation was entirely committed to monitoring the state to improve accountability for human rights violations. Over time, the organisation expanded into the fields of legal intervention, rehabilitation, and campaigning. PW now boasts a legal team committed to intervening on behalf of torture victims and a Rehabilitation Centre for victims of domestic violence and torture, where victims receive housing and support. Its Campaign Unit works to improve human rights awareness throughout the community and to engage other organisations in the struggle. It is particularly engaged in building what is popularly known as the 'Citizens for Human Rights Movement.' Its Human Rights Education program has successfully introduced the concept of human rights into school curricula in over fourteen states across the country. The program is based on the strongly held belief that the value of rights can be firmly established only when instilled in the minds of children as a social virtue, as a value to be safeguarded and protected as something stable and indestructible.

SICHREM – An Overview

Founded in 1995, South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM) is a human rights organization that aims to make human rights a household concept. Through human rights education, monitoring, and mobilising civil society, SICHREM endeavours to build a culture of human rights. SICHREM's programming consciously takes a pro-poor, gender-sensitive, and pro-child stance to protect individual and collective rights to dignity.

Vision

A fearless society where the rights of the last and the least are respected without any bias, where human rights extend to all realms of society to embrace social, cultural, economic, civil, and political rights

Mission

- Monitoring and documentation of human rights violations
- Promoting human rights culture through education programs in schools and colleges
- Providing free legal assistance and advocacy on human rights issues
- Campaigning for human rights reform by lobbying to repeal laws antithetical to human rights

Brief History and Background

SICHREM was founded in 1995, coinciding with the United Nations' declared "Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004)". Since its inception, SICHREM has launched human rights education programs and innovative projects and activities to protect the dignity and rights of marginalized communities.

SICHREM's main focus lies in conducting human rights education programs. Since 2000, SICHREM has successfully implemented human rights education in 15 colleges and it initiated a training program in human rights education for college and university teachers and now in 123 schools across Karnataka and in 55 schools

in Kerala in partnership with the Institute of Human Rights Education (IHRE). SICHREM is also involved in documenting human rights violations across Karnataka. Their documentation helps build reports to assist SICHREM's advocacy efforts.

In conjunction with other organisations, SICHREM set up mobile legal clinics to provide direct legal services in impoverished neighbourhoods. A team of three advocates visits poor communities and addresses their legal questions. In addition, SICHREM created a Human Rights Helpline for people to call with grievances to obtain legal advice.

SICHREM is the programme unit of MANASA Centre for Development and Social Action, a non-governmental organization registered in 1995 in Bangalore, India. The name MANASA is the abbreviation of a statement in Kannada, meaning, "Towards a Just and Humane Society." MANASA is committed to promoting and defending human rights, affirming gender justice, asserting the validity of plural cultures and secular ethos within society.

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The National Project on Preventing Torture in India

People's Watch, in league with the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, began the National Project on Preventing Torture in India (NPPTI) in January 2006 with a grant from the European Union under the EIDHR. The primary aim of the action is to initiate and to model a national campaign for the prevention of torture in India, with a deliberate focus on torture practices routinely employed by police. The project focuses especially upon safeguarding groups on the margins of Indian society, such as Dalit, tribal groups, minorities, women and children.

The project consists of two major stages:

1. Formation of nine State-wide networks to monitor instances of torture and to intervene on behalf of victims.
2. A national campaign against torture that uses monitoring data to develop public awareness, to train professionals, to improve institutional responses to abuse, and to lobby for India's ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT) and its Optional Protocols.

The Project's design reflects priorities set by the European Commission's EIDHR Call for Proposals—specifically, research on torture practices, legal support for victims, awareness-raising, and legislative lobbying.

In the years 2006 and 2007, the Project has undertaken the following in the State of Karnataka:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fact-Findings	: 24	404
Legal Interventions	: 25	419
Training Programmes	: 10	10

The overall goal of the Project is the prevention and reduction of torture in India, where police abuses remain an entrenched and often routine law enforcement strategy despite India's status as the world's largest democracy. The Project confronts frequent police practices that include assault and physical abuse, custodial death,

custodial rape, threats and psychological humiliation, and deprivation of food, water, sleep, and medical attention.

The primary goals of the Project are as follows:

- Protecting potential victims of torture, particularly those belonging to vulnerable and marginalised communities.
- Highlighting individual cases of torture as they occur
- Improving institutional responses to instances of torture by demanding state accountability
- Advancing an ethic of responsibility and restraint among law-enforcement officers
- Educating and enlisting professional groups such as lawyers, social activists, doctors, psychiatrists, journalists, and teachers in the campaign to prevent and to eliminate torture
- Raising public awareness of torture as an unlawful and widespread abuse of police powers
- Promoting favourable policy outcomes in the form of new domestic anti-torture legislation and commitments to existing international treaties

Ultimately, one of the most enduring effects of the Project will be the model that it sets for addressing issues of torture nationally. Recognising that there are insufficient resources to stanch the practice of torture nationally, PW has sought to create an example for preventing torture that can be duplicated. A key aspect of this approach is the “model taluk,” in which monitoring and campaigning efforts will be intensely focussed in one “taluk” (an administrative subdivision of a district) in each State, with the goal of working towards the elimination of torture practices entirely. This model will create a paradigm for the prevention and elimination of torture on a much larger scale.

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Why This Report?

This report falls under the “Campaign Against Torture” segment of the NPPTI. It seeks to raise awareness of torture and ultimately to influence policies relating to the misuse of official power. The basic thrust of the report is to reveal the context in which PW felt compelled to undertake the NPPTI. This contextual picture is painted by examining three major categories:

1. Data on actual occurrences of torture and police misbehaviour from 2000-2006, collected through state-level organisations and secondary source research
2. An analysis of trends that emerge from the data, with special attention to the effects of torture on marginalised groups such as Dalits and women
3. Institutional responses at the state level

Ultimately, the research reveals a sad scene, in which rhetoric is abundant and action scarce. Indeed, despite its refusal to ratify the CAT or expressly to criminalise torture, India continuously pays lip service to the prevention of torture through its Parliament, Courts, and Commissions. Yet the data reveal an appalling prevalence of police misconduct, including the use of torture as a common interrogation method. Institutional responses are anaemic, in terms of both documentation and concrete preventive actions.

Aside from raising awareness, then, this report aims to combat the complacency and denial that define the Indian Government’s response to such blatant human rights transgressions. It provides irrefutable proof that invites Indian policymakers to acknowledge the extent of torture practices in the country and to take a participatory role in ensuring that basic human rights are guaranteed to all of India’s citizens. By demanding a dialogue on the issue, PW hopes to end the silence that continues to expose hundreds of thousands of Indians to the practice of torture every year.

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Table of Reported Incidents

Date	No Victim(s)	Name of Victim(s)	Type of Incident	District
29/05/2000	1	Sudath Kumar Jain	Custodial Death	Mangalore
20/05/2001	1	Narayana K. V.	Custodial Death	Udupi
07/11/2001	1	Ramu	Custodial Death	Mandya
23/08/2001	?	Residents of Katipalla town	Police Violence (Lathi-Charge)	Bangalore
16/09/2001	1	One Casualty	Police Firing	Hubli
01/10/2002	1	Earamma	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
18/02/2002	2	Chandrashekar and Arul	Police Violence	Bangalore
18/03/2002	2	Smita & Tejasvi	Police Torture / Violence Against Women	Bangalore
13/04/2002	1	Hanumantha	Custodial Death	Raichur
06/11/2002	?	Dalit Community	Police Violence	Tumkur
08/07/2003	1	Kamalabai	Police Torture	Bulbarga
10/01/2003	1	Gangappa	Custodial Death	Kolar
10/01/2003	1	Ramesh	Custodial Death	Bangalore
17/11/2003	3	Parvathi, Haajima & Yashoda	Encounter Death	Udupi
16/03/2004	1	Mehboob Pasha	Custodial Death	Tumkur
19/06/2004	1	Kokila (transsexual rape victim)	Police Torture / Violence Against Women	Bangalore
20/07/2004	1	Dhananjaya	Custodial Death	Bangalore
08/01/2004	1	Nagaraj Ganiger	Police Torture	Belgaum
30/08/2004	5	4 Torture Victims, 1 Illegal Detention	Police Torture / Illegal Detention	Bijapur
18/10/2004	4	Vreerapan & 3 assoc.	Encounter Death	Dharmapuri
03/08/2005	1	B Sreepathi Rao	Police Torture / Illegal Detention	Bangalore
13/03/2005	2	Hasanabba and Hajabba	Violence Against Women	Udupi
26/04/2005	1	Yesu	Custodial Death	Chikkappaya

06/01/2005	1	Tauseef Nayeem	Police Violence	Hassan
06/02/2005	2	Rajan & Shivalingu (Naxalites)	Encounter Death	Mysore
16/07/2005	1	Raju Kanbarkar	Encounter Death	Belgaum
08/05/2005	1	Abdul Khader	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
25/08/2005	1	Abdul Hammed	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/05/2005	1	Abdul Rauf	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/08/2005	1	Jakir Hussein (Muslim Youth League)	Police Violence	Mangalore
15/10/2005	1	Hanumanth	Custodial Death	Gulbarga
11/02/2005	1	Erbaasiah Mahalingaiah	Custodial Death	Belgaum
12/07/2005	2	Hosmani & Bandivaddar	Encounter Death	Bijapur
25/12/2006	1	Vikram Gowda (Naxalite)	Encounter Death	Chikmalagur
14/01/2007	1	Mulki Rafique	Encounter Death	Udupi
24/01/2007	1	Prasad Konsapalli	Custodial Death	Bellary
07/01/2007	1	Srihari Babu	Custodial Death	Bangalore
09/03/2007	1	Jalhali	Police Torture	Gulbarga

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I.Custodial Deaths

Narayana K.V, Udupi

Died 20/05/2001

- On 20 May 2001, after a brutal attack by a group of policemen, Narayana died in police custody, in Kota.
- According to a PUCL investigation, police burst into Narayana's family function around 8:00pm on 19 May, and took Narayan away in the presence of the entire family.
- He was taken to Kota PS by Circle Inspector Vishwanath Pandit, and assaulted with a belt in the presence of his brothers.
- Later, two constables dragged Narayana as he was unable to walk, his neck and back bone were twisted, his legs and feet were twisted and his face was swollen.
- The police started assaulting him with their hands and boots. They continuously banged his head against the wall. After this attack, which continued for about an hour, Narayan collapsed and died.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact-finding report
- <http://www.pucl.org/reports/Karnataka/2001/narayana.htm>

Ramu, Mandya

Died 07/11/2001

- Ramu was allegedly caught red-handed at Balamuri the night of 1 August 2001 while breaking into a shop and was handed over by villagers the next morning to the K. R. Sagar police.
- On 7 August 2001, he was admitted to Srirangapattana General Hospital and he died there of severe ulcers.
- The morning after the death, Ramakumar A Naik, Additional Police Inspector lodged a complaint against 9 policemen of K. R. Sagar PS. The 9 policemen were suspended.

- One of the elders of the village disclosed that a sum of Rs.5, 000 was given to the victim's family by a prominent politician of the village and the family was also promised a further payment of Rs. 2 lakhs from the government.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact finding report
 - <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/ramu.htm>
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Hanumantha, Raichur

Reported 13/04/2002

- On 12 April 2002, Hanumantha died in police custody
- It was alleged by the wife of the deceased, the Dalit Sangharsh Samithi, and the Bahujan Samaj Party that Hanumantha had been arrested by police in his house in Gonal village in connection with a case of theft, and then was brutally assaulted while in custody, leading to his death at the civil hospital.
- These parties alleged that the police, with the intention of hushing up the case, concocted a story that Hanumantha was admitted to the hospital with pain in his legs and arms, and that he had died of cardiac arrest.
- The Government has ordered a Corps of Detectives (CoD) inquiry into the custodial death.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 13 April 2002
 - <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2002/04/13/stories/2002041301960300.htm>
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Earamma Siddappa, Gulbarga

Died 01/10/2002

- On 1 October 2002 Earamma, age 45, died in custody at Jewargi Police Station.
- The investigation by the Corps of Detectives (CoD) into the alleged custodial death of this middle-aged woman is at an advanced stage.

- Based on the findings of the CoD, the State Government is expected to initiate action against the police personnel against whom the allegations were made.
- The police claimed that Eamma committed suicide by strangling herself with the string in her petticoat, but human right activists and others, including the former Minister S. K. Kanta, believe Eamma and others were brutally tortured in the Jewargi and University police stations and she died of internal injuries.
- The National Human Rights Commission, took very serious note of the failure of the State police to report to the commission about the custodial death.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 20 October 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/20/stories/2005102009790300.htm>

Ramesh, Bangalore
Died 10/01/2003

- On 10 January 2003, Ramesh allegedly died in custody at Doddaballapur Town Police Station.
- A case has been registered against the Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), Thammaiah, and Police Constable Nagaraj, and they have been placed under suspension.
- Ramesh was taken into custody by ASI Thammaiah and PC Nagaraj at around 12.30 p.m. in connection with the kidnap of a woman.
- Half an hour after arrest he was taken to the Government Hospital, and the doctors declared that he was "brought dead."
- The case has been handed over to the Corps of Detectives (CoD).
- The police stated that Ramesh swallowed some powder kept in his pocket when he was being questioned about the whereabouts of the woman who he had allegedly kidnapped. Soon, he collapsed, and was taken to hospital.
- The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, stated that compensation of about Rs. 10,000 could be provided under the NSIP scheme, as Ramesh was the breadwinner of his family. He added that the payment would be made within four days.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 12 January 2003
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2003/01/12/stories/2003011200960300.htm>

Gangappa, Kolar
Died 10/01/2003

- On 13 April 2003, Gangappa Kolar was picked up by the Karnataka police from Patapallya PS in the Bagepalli Taluk of Karnataka for questioning on a cattle theft case.
- His body was allegedly found near the AP border two days after his arrest.
- Gangappa's wife and members of the Dalit Sangarsh Samithi staged a dharna in front of the police station alleging that Gangappa died because of police torture.
- Sources state that Gangappa died in Patapallya PS on 15 April 2003 and the body was allegedly shifted to Andhra Pradesh border in the Sub-Inspector's jeep.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights
 - <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/karnataka/Gangappa0203.htm>
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Mehboob Pasha, Tumkur
Died 16/03/2004

- On 16 March 2004 Police Sub-Inspector Balakrishna and his colleagues arrested six persons, including Mehboob Pasha, after raiding a house and took them to the police station
- Mehboob Pasha alleges that he experienced pain following mental and physical torture at the police station.
- His accomplices, after obtaining permission from the police, took him to the government hospital. The doctors asked them to take him to Bangalore for further treatment. He died following a heart attack en route to Bangalore.

Full story in:

- The Deccan Herald, 18 March 2004
- <http://www.deccanherald.com/Archives/mar182004/s10.asp>

Dhananjaya, Bangalore
Died 20/07/2004

- On 20 July 2005, Dhananjaya, age 21, died in custody at the Jnanabharati police station in Bangalore.
- Dhananjaya and another man, named Prakash, were chased and caught by a Hoysala patrol team before being brought into custody.
- The police claimed that Prakash had suggested to Dhananjaya that the police would let them go if they were injured. Then the two men allegedly decided to break the glass panes of a computer enclosure in the station and use the sharp pieces of glass to inflict injuries on themselves. Dhananjaya allegedly stabbed himself on his abdomen twice using a piece of glass.
- Assistant Sub-Inspector Chennarayappa and Police Constable Chandrarao were suspended, and a departmental inquiry into the custodial death was ordered.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 22 and 23 July 2004
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/07/23/stories/2004072310550400.htm>
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/07/22/stories/2004072214830300.htm>

Erbasaiah Mahalingaiah, Belgaum
Reported 11/02/2005

- On 10 February 2005, Erbasaiiah Mahalingaiah, age 60 died in custody at Ramdurg Town PS.
- Workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party, led by Mahadevappa Yadwad, MLA, and Suresh C. Angadi, MP, staged protests against this alleged police atrocity. They demanded action against Mr. Yadwad and others who, they believe were responsible for Erbasaiiah's death.
- The Ramdurg Town Police have registered a case against Mr. Yadwad and others on the basis of a complaint from Erbasaiiah's brother.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 11 February 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/11/stories/2005021103740400.htm>

Yesu, Bangalore

Died 26/04/2005

- On 26 April 2005, Yesu died in police custody at Ashoknagar PS, Bangalore.
- The Assistant Sub Inspector Chikkappayya and the Head Constable Chikkappayya, were suspended on the charge of dereliction of duty.
- Yesu is said to have committed suicide in the police station.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 27 and 28 April 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/04/28/stories/2005042817650300.htm>
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/04/27/stories/2005042719080300.htm>

Abdul Khader, Gulbarga

Died 08/05/2005

- On 8 May 2005, Abdul Khader died in police custody.
- According to a statement by the deceased's wife, Inspector James of Chowk PS had arrested her husband Abdul Khader on a complaint filed by Abdul Farooq.
- She said she witnessed police personnel picking up her husband from her house and assaulting him in the police station.
- The next day Khader was produced before the 3rd Additional JMFC in Gulbarga city. However, he was not fit to speak. The judge remanded him to police custody and directed the police to take him to the district hospital for treatment, and produce him before the court on May 10.
- The police did not produce Khader in court on May 10 and reported to the court that the accused died on the way to the hospital.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 October 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/09/stories/2005100902480300.htm>

Abdul Rauf, Bangalore

Died 09/05/2005

- On 9 May 2005, Abdul Rauf, age 26, died while in the custody of the Jayanagar police.
- Following the death, Inspector Shankaraiah, Police Constable Venkatesh and Police Constable Venkateshaiah were booked for culpable homicide and suspended.
- The Additional Commissioner of Police, H.C. Kishorechandra, informed the press that on the afternoon of Rauf's death the police arrested him in connection with a murder investigation.
- According to the police, following the arrest Rauf struggled and was injured. He was taken for treatment and then brought back to the police station.
- The next morning, Rauf complained of uneasiness again, he was taken to Victoria Hospital where they declared him to be brought dead.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 10 May 2005
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/05/10/stories/2005051019870300.htm>

Abdul Hameed, Shamapur

Died 26/8/2005

- On 25 August 2005, Abdul Hameed, age 32, died in the custody of Jnana Bharathi police.

Full Story in:

- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/08/26/stories/2005082619280300.htm>

Hanumanth, Gulbarga

Died 15/10/2005

- On 15 October 2005 Hanumanth, age 20, died in the custody of police from Shahapur PS.

- Following the death, a crowd gathered in Shahapur village and demanded immediate suspension of the police personnel allegedly involved in the death and payment of compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs to the victim's family.
- According to the police, the youth was not arrested by them or brought to the police station on the night of death. The police said he had come to the police station in an inebriated state at around 7.30 p.m. and had drunk pesticide.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 17 October 2005
 - <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/10/17/stories/2005101703280300.htm>
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Shankara Mallikarjun, Hulasur

Died 04/05/2006

- The security forces were responsible for human rights violations including extrajudicial killing of civilians.
- On 4 May 2006, Shankara Mallikarjun from Alawayi village allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself on the bars of the jail at Hulasur Police Station.
- He had been arrested on charges of stealing cows.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
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Ahmed Khan, Parappana Agrahara

07/2006

- In July 2006, the National Human Rights Commission issued a notice to the Inspector General of Prisons, S T Ramesh asking for an explanation of the death of a convict Ahmed Khan lodged in the Parappana Agrahara jail.
- In a complaint, the deceased's brother Ibrahim Khan stated that Ahmed Khan had been complaining about his breathing problem to the jail authorities but the authorities took him to the hospital only when his condition worsened and he died on the way to the hospital.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007

Srihari Babu, Bangalore

Reported 07/01/2007

- On 7 January 2007 at 10:00pm, police of Rajajinagar PS, picked up 19-year-old Srihari in a patrol vehicle. They released him in an unconscious state after the victim's father paid a bribe of Rs. 3,000.
- Srihari was then taken by his father to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, where he died on January 10.
- A case was filed against sub-inspectors Harish Kumar and Venkatesh and constables Nagaraj and Ramanjaneya.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 18 March 2007
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2007/03/18/stories/2007031822630500.htm>

Prasad Kondapalli, Bellary

Died 24/01/2007

- On 24 January 2007, Prasad Kondapalli died in custody at the Cowl Bazaar Police Station.
- Based on a report submitted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and the post-mortem report, the cause of death was shock and clotting of blood as a result of multiple blunt force injuries.
- B.S. Talwar, Police Inspector, has been placed under suspension for dereliction of duty.
- Ramachanra Nayak, Police Sub-Inspector, was also suspended.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 28 January 2007
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2007/01/28/stories/2007012802600300.htm>

II. Encounter Deaths

Parvathi, Haajima and Yashoda, Udupi

Died 17/11/2003

- On 17 November 2003, Parvathi and Haajima, two activists of People's War Group, died during an encounter with the police at Edu village in Karkala, Udupi district
- Fellow activist Yashoda was injured in the shooting, and was hospitalized.
- A group of ten policemen raided the house where the victims slept on the night of 16 November.
- As Parvathi ran inside, she was shot and collapsed in the main hall of the house.
- Hajeema and Yashoda were both unarmed. The police shot Hajeema in the stomach, and she died instantaneously. Yashoda tried to escape but she was brought down by police fire and injured.
- This police action was unwarranted and disproportionate to the nature of provocation/ resistance offered.
- No charges were filed against Yashoda, for a week. She was kept in illegal detention by the police until she filed a complaint on 21 November.

Full story in:

- <http://nuke.humanrightskerala.com/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2172>

Veerapan and three associates, Dharmapuri

Died 18/10/2004

- Mr. Veerapan (61) and his three associates were killed by members of the Joint Special Task Force (STF) of Tamil Nadu state and Karnataka state, allegedly while being taken into custody on the night of 18 October 2004.
- According to the account of the Chief of the STF, when the STF officers asked the men to surrender, they opened fire. The officers responded with stun grenades and gun fire in a confrontation that lasted approximately 20 minutes.

- Mr. Veerapan died during the shoot out and the other three men died en route to hospital.
- The STF officers numbered 35 to the gang's four.
- Doctors were forced to conduct their post-mortem examinations in the presence of the STF officers. Mr Veerapan's body was buried before an independent medical examination could be conducted.

Full story in:

- The Asian Human Rights Commission
- <http://www.ahrchk.net/ua/mainfile.php/2004/858/>

Saketh Rajan and Shivalinga, Mysore

Died 06/02/2005

- On 6 February 2005, the Naxalites Saketh Rajan and Shivalinga died in a police encounter, in the Kallugudde forest area in Koppa taluk of Chikmagalur district
- Many progressive organisations stated that the two men had done a great deal to fight for social justice. They state that the Government has failed to address the social inequality that prevails in the State, instead it denies the legitimate and peaceful struggle launched by various groups.
- The manner in which the police disposed of the bodies of the two Naxalites indicated constitutional impropriety.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 and 11 February 2005
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/09/stories/2005020905570400.htm>
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2005/02/11/stories/2005021109770300.htm>
- The Deccan Herald, on the 9th February 2005
- <http://www.deccanherald.com/Archives/feb092005/s21.asp>
- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
- http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn10

Khajappa Namdev Hosmani & Yalgurappa Thimmanna Bandivaddar Bijapur

Died 12/07/2005

- On 12 July 2005, the alleged Supari contract killers, Khajappa Namdev Hosmani and Yalgurappa Thimmanna Bandivaddar, of Gulburga district, were shot dead by the police near Minchinal Railway Station.
- Three policemen suffered injuries in the three hour operation that culminated in an encounter at around 3:00am. Two country-made pistols and four live bullets have been recovered from the encounter site.
- The Bijapur Superintendent of Police, who supervised the operation, said the operation was conducted by six teams of policemen. The wanted men were traced at Minchinal Railway Station.
- On seeing the police, they allegedly fired at the policemen, who returned the fire, killing them instantly.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 13 July 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/13/stories/2005071307300600.htm>

Raju Kanbarkar, Belgaum

Died 16/07/2005

- On 16 July 2005, Raju Kanbarkar, died in a police encounter.
- Kanbarkar was wanted by the police in connection with many cases.
- A special police team consisting of Inspectors N.V. Bharmani, Mahanteshwar and Shankar Marihal was formed by the Superintendent of Police to apprehend Kanbarkar.
- Kanbarkar had previously been arrested and had escaped from police custody.
- The police received information that Kanbarkar was hiding near Gangwadi, behind the district police headquarters.
- The police stated that when they went to apprehend him, Kanbarkar ignored their warning to surrender and opened fire with a pistol.

- The police opened fire in retaliation and killed him on the spot.
- Later, the Additional Superintendent of Police, S.K. Hegde, told presspersons that Raju had not been handcuffed after he was initially arrested.
- There were three bullet wounds on Kanbarkar's body: one on the leg, two on the left arm and one in the forehead.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 17 July 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/17/stories/2005071707250400.htm>

Vikram Gowda, Chikmalagur
Died 25/12/2006

- On 25 December 2006, a Naxalite was killed in a shootout in Kesuvadi village in Chikmagalur District. The shootout occurred around 9:00-10:00pm between a group of rebels and the anti-Naxalite force.
- Although the dead Naxalite called himself Dinesh, his face resembled that of rebel leader Vikram Gowda. The man's identity is being verified.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 26 December 2006
- <http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/004200612261758.htm>

Mulki Rafique, Udupi
Died 14/01/2007

- On 14 January 2007, Mulki Rafique was killed in an encounter with police near Udupi Railway Station.
- Rafique was wanted by police in conjunction with a recent murder.
- He was said to have been dropped by an accomplice at the station and was allegedly planning to catch a train to escape. But a team of police from Dakshina Kannada district were waiting for him, after a tip-off.

- Confronted by police at the station, Raifque fired two rounds of bullets from his revolver. The police then fired ten rounds, which resulted in the killing of Rafique.
- Mr. Sathyanarayana Rao said action had been initiated against an Assistant Sub Inspector, one Head Constable and two Police Constables in connection with Rafique's previous escape from custody.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 15 January 2007
- <http://www.hindu.com/2007/01/15/stories/2007011503250500.htm>

III. Custodial Rape & Sexual Harassment

Smita & Tejasvi, Bangalore

Incident 18/03/2002

- Smita was stripped, beaten and sexually abused in the custody of Cubbon Park Police Constables.
- On the night of 18 March 2002, Smita was forced into a police van by four policemen. They dragged her by her hair and pushed her into the van by force, snatching away her mobile phone. They took her to Cubbon Park PS. On the way they sexually harassed her by fondling her breasts.
- One policeman sat on Tejasvi's scooter and forced him to drive the vehicle to the Cubbon Park Police Station.
- In the police station, Smita was pushed into a room with her husband. Fifteen to twenty policemen stripped her naked in the presence of a senior Police Constable, Circle Inspector Munirathnam Naidu.
- The policemen stood around her, sexually abusing her by touching her all over her naked body. They humiliated her further by forcing her to spread her thighs and touching her sexual organs.
- Many of them hit her with lathis on her head, hands, thighs and shoulders. They also attempted to shave off her hair. She continuously begged them to let her go and even fell at their feet.
- They also stripped Tejasvi and physically attacked him. They slapped him, beat him with their lathis and kicked him with their shoes.

Full story in:

- PUCL report on HR violations against sexual minorities
- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Gender/2004/transgender-excerpts.htm>

Kokila, Bangalore
Incident 19/06/2004

- Kokila was stripped naked, sexually abused and brutally tortured in police custody, at Byappanahalli PS by many policemen, including high ranking officials.
- Kokila is a 21 year old hijra (member of a traditional male-to-female transsexual community in South Asia).
- On 18 June 2004 she was raped by ten men who forced her to have oral and anal sex with all of them.
- While she was being raped, two policemen arrived. Two of the perpetrators were caught, the rest escaped.
- Kokila told the policemen about the sexual assault. Instead of registering a case against them and sending her for medical examination, they took her along with the two captured perpetrators to Byappanahalli PS. Kokila was stripped naked for the next 7 hours.
- All of the policemen were under the influence of alcohol.
- They handcuffed her to a window, beat her with lathis, their hands and kicked her.
- She sustained severe injuries to her hands, palms, buttocks, shoulder and legs.
- They also tortured her sexually by burning her nipples and chapdi (vaginal portion of hijras) with a burning coir rope. The Sub Inspector of Police positioned his rifle on her chapdi and threatened to shoot her. He also tried to push the rifle butt and lathi into the chapdi.
- At around 11 p.m. the Inspector of Police arrived. He directed the policemen to continue the torture. The torture continued till 1:00am at night.

Full story in:

- <http://nuke.humanrightskerala.com/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=3093>

Hasanabba and Hajabba, Udupi

Incident 13/03/2005

- On the night of March 13, 2005 Hasanabba and Hajabba were stripped naked and assaulted by members of the Sangh Parivar organisation.
- Organisations have demanded the dismissal of the Superintendent of Police, S. Murugan, and the Deputy Superintendent of Police, U.R. Pangam, for “supporting communal forces” and not preventing this incident occurring.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 20 March 2005
- <http://www.hindu.com/2005/03/20/stories/2005032010590300.htm>

IV. Assault & Torture

Katipalla Police Brutality, Bangalore

Incident 23/08/2001

- On 23 August 2001, about one hundred men in uniform stormed the town of Katipalla with lathis, tear gas cells and guns to the shock of the unsuspecting citizens present.
- Police personnel beat every person they could. They forcibly entered at least a hundred houses. In some houses they forcibly broke open the doors and damaged household articles. They dragged out every man they found in the houses or in streets and brutally assaulted them before thrusting them into waiting police vehicles.
- There was no provocation from the inhabitants of the area.
- Out of the sixty nine persons arrested, forty two were released on the same day, late at night. The other twenty seven were released on 29 August.
- Those released have complained that they were subjected to severe physical assault and torture by the police at Panambur PS. Many had marks on their bodies as a result of the police beatings.
- Eight of them were admitted to hospital for treatment of their wounds. One man had a fractured wrist.

Full story in:

- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/katipalla.htm>

Chandrashekar, Bangalore

Incident 18/02/2002; 20/02/2002

- On 20 February 2002, Mr. Chandrashekar was brutally abused by Sub-Inspector Nagaraj, at Bowring and Lady Curson Hospital in Bangalore. The attack was unprovoked.
- The victim was left with a broken right leg, a sprained left hand and some bruises to his body.
- The victim has said that he is an alcoholic and consumes alcohol regularly. However, he said that on the day of the incident he was not drunk.

Full story in:

- PUCL fact-finding report; or at
- <http://www.pucl.org/Topics/Police/2002/chandrashekar.htm>

Police-supported Dalit Raid, Tumkur

Incident 06/11/2002

- On 6 November 2002, 94 Dalit homes in Ujjani village, Tumkur district, were damaged, irrigation destroyed, cattle stolen and the few goods of this impoverished community looted in an attack by a dominant caste group.
- The local police sub-inspector Mr. Mallash, who is himself from the dominant caste group (Vokkaliga) has been implicated as guiding the attack for the purpose of preventing the Dalits from claiming their legal land rights.
- When one of the Dalits went to register a complaint about the attack, the Sub-Inspector beat him and detained him in the station until evening.
- After complaints from the Rural Education for Development Society (REDS), the Superintendent of Police and Inspector General visited the area on the following two days. They spoke to the Dalit people, assessed the damages and ordered for compensation to be paid.

Full story in:

- The Asian Human Rights Commission
- <http://www.ahrchk.net/ua/mainfile.php/2002/378/>

Kamalabai, Gulbarga

Incident 08/07/2003

- On 8 and 9 July 2003, Mrs Kamalabai, age 45, was tortured in the custody of the Chitapur police, Gulbarga district.
- Mrs Kamalabai, a resident of Hebbal village of Gulbarga district, alleged that the Circle Inspector of Chitapur PS, the Sub-Inspector and three male PCs had illegally detained and tortured her for two days, in connection with a murder case.
- The male constables first tied her hands and legs. Then they placed an iron rod on her hip. Two constables stood on the rod and rolled it up and down her legs.
- She was tortured in front of her husband and other relatives.

- Although she was detained there was no record of a formal arrest. Additionally, Kamalabai was never brought before a magistrate. She was released without any case being filed against her.
- Mrs Kamalabai, who belongs to the Oddar community, a Scheduled Caste, said that not a single woman constable was present during her interrogation.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights
 - <http://www.achrweb.org/countries/india/karnataka/Kamalabai0303.htm>
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Nagaraj C. Ganiger, Belgaum

Reported 08/01/2004

- Editors of 10 Kannada weeklies, journalists, and representatives of various organisations in the district have urged the State Government to provide security to Mr Nagaraj C. Ganiger, Editor of Nagaraj Patrike.
- In a memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Nagaraj said he faced threats to his life. He named a district Congress legislator, one of his supporters, and a Police Sub-Inspector as the three that should be held responsible if anything happened to him.
- He said the police had “picked him up for questioning, tortured him, and booked false cases following his articles on the police-politician-criminal nexus leading to an alleged custodial death of a illicit liquor manufacturer in Raibag taluk about two months ago”

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 8 January 2004
- <http://www.hinduonnet.com/2004/01/08/stories/2004010802610300.htm>

Four torture victims & One illegal detention, Bijapur

Incident 30/08/2004

- The Bagalkot district police may face legal action over the illegal detention of a villager for 18 days and reported custodial torture of those arrested in relation to the violence in Ilkal.
- On August 30 2004, widespread violence occurred in Ilkal over the selection of a senior pontiff of the Chittargi-Ilkal Vijayamahantha Math.
- 180 people were arrested in conjunction with the violence.
- The JMFC called for medical reports from the Bellary District Hospital, where 35 of the 180 detainees were treated after they were shifted to the Central Jail there.
- Lawyer, B.V. Deshpande, told The Hindu newspaper that four private complaints would be filed against the police officers 'who tortured the detainees in custody and conspired to foist false cases against them.' The victims had also decided to approach the National Human Rights Commission, he said.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 21 September 2004
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2004/09/21/stories/2004092103400300.htm>

Tauseef Nayeem, Hassan

Incident 06/01/2005

- On 6 January 2005, the police allegedly assaulted Tauseef Nayeem, a student of NDRK College, Hassan district, whilst he was detained on charges of theft.
- The victim was admitted to hospital in a critical condition.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
- http://www.achrweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn21
- The Deccan Herald, 12 January 2005

B Sreepathi Rao, Bangalore

Incident 03/08/2005

- On 3 August 2005, the Director General of Police, B N P Albuquerque directed the Corps of Detectives to inquire into the alleged police atrocity on Janata Dal (U) National General Secretary, B Sreepathi Rao in Bangalore, who was allegedly illegally detained and assaulted by the Sampangiramnagar police, Bangalore.

Full story in:

- The Asian Centre for Human Rights Karnataka Report 2006
 - http://www.achnweb.org/reports/india/AR06/karnataka.htm#_ftn21
 - The Deccan Herald, 4 August 2005
-

Jakir Hussein, Mangalore

Reported 09/08/2005

- The Dakshina Kannada District Committee of the Muslim Youth League has urged Chief Minister N. Dharam Singh to initiate action against policemen attached to Mangalore North PS for allegedly assaulting and abusing Jakir Hussain, a resident of Bunder.
- He suffers from ill effects of torture, said to have been inflicted on him by the police for no apparent reason.

Full story in:

- The Hindu, 9 August 2005; or at
- <http://www.thehindu.com/2005/08/09/stories/2005080912590300.htm>

Sunil and Nagaraj, Subramany

Incident 11/01/2006

- On 11 January 2006, Sunil and Nagaraj, residents of Kethamaranahall, were beaten up by three constables identified as Ramanna, Chandrashekar and Ishwar Rangachar attached to the Subramanya Nagar police.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
-

Adam, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore

Incident 19/10/2006

- On the night of 19 October 2006, 19-year-old Adam, son of Prasad Bidapa, was allegedly beaten with lathis by the police at the Ashok Nagar police station in Bangalore.
- The victim was severely injured on his head, back and leg.

Full story in:

- ACHR India Human Rights Report 2007
-

Jalhali, Gulbarga

Incident 09/03/2007

- On 9 March 2007, Yamanappa Devappa Jalhali was reportedly tortured by policemen at Surpur town, in Gulbarga District.
- The National Human Rights Commission has sought a factual report into this incident.
- The report was published under the heading "Cops 'heat' below the belt" in the Deccan Herald on 9 March 2007. The report stated that on receiving a phone call from an unidentified man, the police of Surpur town took Jalhali into custody. The caller said that Jalhali was in a drunken state and was causing trouble.
- The police brutally injured Jalhali's private parts, backside and chest. The report stated that police also battered his hands, legs and thighs.

Full story in:

- National Human Rights Commission Archives; or at
- <http://nhrc.nic.in/dispArchive.asp?fno=1395>

01-Custodial Death

FF Code : KAR/KOD /PT/51/07
Victim(s) : Harish
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Somarpet PS
Location : Somarpet PS
Date of incident : 04/09/2007

Case Details:

According to the statement of the deceased victim's wife, Nirmala, the victim Harish had gone to get snacks for his kids on 4 September, 2007. A little later he called Nirmala and told her that he had been taken to Somarpet PS because he had been using his mobile phone whilst driving. Harish's motor bike was also seized by the police. Soon after, a man arrived at Nirmala's house, and informed her that Harish had been involved in an accident. Nirmala then went to the police station to see what was happening.

When she arrived at the police station she saw her husband being beaten by five policemen, he was bleeding from his mouth. Nirmala then took Harish to a hospital nearby. When she asked him what had happened, he had told her that he had been beaten brutally by the police.

Later Nirmala took him to Madikere Hospital. As his condition was critical, the doctors advised her to shift him to Bangalore. After being moved to Bangalore Hospital, Harish died the following day.

The Deputy Superintendent assured Nirmala that he would take action against the concerned policemen, but no action was taken.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/71/07
Victim(s) : Krishnanaik
Perpetrator(s) : Jogaih, Jail Superintendent
Location : Sub-Jail, K.R. Nagar
Date of incident : 16/12/2007

Case Details:

Victim Krishnanaik was arrested by the police under suspicion of involvement with a group that had an encounter and gunfight with forest officials on 12 August 2007. During the gunfight, Kala,

an innocent bystander was killed. Krishnanaik was produced before the Court and then sent to the sub-Jail.

Krishnanaik fell ill while in the sub-jail. Despite several requests from his family members to give Krishnanaik medical treatment, jail authorities failed to respond. On 16 December 2007, after Krishnanaik fell seriously ill, was he taken to the hospital. Krishnanaik died the next day.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/02/07
Victim(s)	: Mahadeva Gowda
Perpetrator(s)	: Mari Gowda Jail Superintendant
Location	: Nanjungode Sub Jail
Date of incident	: 08/02/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mahadeva Gowda, age 55, was Hindu and belonged to the Kuruba caste. He resided at Berambadi Village, Gundelpet Taluk, Chamrajnagar.

On 5 February 2007, Mahadeva Gowda had an argument with Dodagandu, Chikathai and Anari. During the argument, one of them took a log of wood and assaulted Mahadeva Gowda. On 6 February 2007, Mahadeva Gowda approached the Gundelpet PS to register a complaint against those who assaulted him. But Gundelpet police officers in turn assaulted the victim and handed over him to the forest guards because he was wanted in many cases related to crime that occurred at Madur forest range. The authorities produced the victim to the Civil Judge in Gundelpet on 7 February 2007. The judge ordered judicial custody of the victim until 8 February 2008.

On 8 February 2008, owing to the beatings meted out to the victim at the hands of the police and forest officials, Mahadeva Gowda started bleeding from the nose in the jail. The prison authorities took the victim to the Government Hospital Nanjangudu for treatment. Dr.Siddaraju gave first aid and advised the officials to take the victim to K.R.Hospital, Mysore. However, the sub-jailer refused to take the victim for further treatment, claiming non-availability of police personnel to escort the victim to K.R.Hospital. That night, the condition of Mahadeva Gowda became exceedingly severe and he succumbed to his injuries.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/51/07
Victim(s)	: Satisha
Perpetrator(s)	: S. Chandra, CW
Location	: Madikeri Jail, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 13/07/2007

Case Details:

On 13 July 2007 victim Satisha was caught illegally supplying liquor. Satisha was arrested. Madikere Jail authorities beat Satisha while he was in the custody. Satisha died on the way to the Mysore hospital.

The COD investigated the matter and levied a charge sheet against the Chief Warden S. Chandra. Presently CW Chandra is in jail.



02-False Charge

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/21/07
Victim(s) : Balu
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Pandavpura Town PS
Location : Pandavpura Town PS
Date of incident : 22/09/2007

Case Details:

On 22 September, 2007 there was a clash between a youth group and four boys of Pandavpura town. The victim Balu was one of the four boys involved in the clash. He was beaten brutally by the group and sustained severe injuries.

Later he filed a complaint against the accused. Instead the police registered a criminal case against Balu and his friends. Balu only discovered that he had been charged when the police summon him to appear at court.

Babu feels that he was treated inhumanely by the police.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/94/07
Victim(s) : Chikkadasa
Perpetrator(s) : Rajanna, S.I,
Gundlupete PS
Location : Gundlupete PS
Date of incident : 16/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chikkadasa was married, and he often quarreled with his wife. His wife ultimately moved in with her father, and her brothers took the matter before the local Panchayat.

At the Panchayat, the brothers beat Chikkadasa, injuring him on his head.

The brothers then lodged a complaint against Chikkadas with the Gundlupete PS, claiming that Chikkadas had tried to kill their sister. Rajanna is the Gundlpete SI. Without investigating the case or listening Chikkadasa's version of the story, the Gundlupete PS police officers registered a case against him and sent him to jail.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/08/07
Victim(s) : Honnappa K.M
Perpetrator(s) : K.N. Madhaiah, CI
Location : Somwarpet PS
Date of incident : 06/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Honnappa K.M belongs to OBC and owns a driving school. On 6 January 2007, while Honnappa was teaching a student, CI K.N. Madhaiah seized Honnappa's vehicle and detained him at Somwarpet Police Station for 13 days. Honnappa sent a letter to the Home Minister and Police Commissioner on 27 January 2007, and a letter to the daily newspaper Prajavani regarding the police harassment, but it was not published.

On 14 February 2007, CI Madhaia again seized Honnappa's vehicle and detained him without cause. When Honnappa attempted to approach the Court for redress, POs threatened him not to take such steps. On 15 February 2007, Honnappa was forced to pay a fine of Rs.500/- and his vehicle was released.

The Police have since filed false charges against Honnappa and are threatening him.

03-Police Acquiescence

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/12/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Bhemamma 2) Family members
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Dharmanna 2) Eshappa 3) Putappa 4) Devappa 5) SHO 6) Police
Location	: Hesarur village, Haveri
Date of incident	: 27/02/2007

Case Details:

The victim Bhemamma resides in Hesarur Village, Haveri.

On 27 February 2007, the victim Bhemamma was doing her domestic chores at home when she heard some people arguing about a land dispute with her son outside. When Bhemamma came outside, she found the above mentioned perpetrators verbally abusing her son. She then saw the perpetrators push her son down and beat him. Bhemamma was also assaulted.

After Bhemamma and her son were rescued by two men, they went to lodge a complaint at the police station. Bhemamma is illiterate and hence, was unable to make a written complaint. The police refused to receive the victim's oral complaint.

On 30 February 2007, the policemen dragged Bhemamma to the police station. Finally the Station House Officer (SHO) chased her out of the station asking her to resolve the matter with the help of village elders. Bhemamma felt dejected by the attitude of the police and on 13 March 2007 she lodged a complaint with the Assistant Commissioner who assured her he would take action on 26 May 2007.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/07/07
Victim(s)	: Shruthi
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Thimmarayappa, 2) Seeni @ Srinivasa 3) Guru Prasad, 4) Sardar, SI 5) Police
Location	: Chintamani
Date of incident	: 04/12/2006

Case Details:

Victim Shruthi, aged 14 was studying in 9th standard.

During November her parents had brought a TV and VCR and all their relatives had come to watch it. The above mentioned perpetrators also came to Shruthi's house but her mother sent them away because she believed them to be indecent people.

On 4 December 2006, when Shruthi had gone out to take in the clothes which were drying outside, she was caught by the above mentioned perpetrators, but she managed to escape.

At home her grandmother went to tell the news of this incident to Shruthi's father. After returning home she found Shruthi hanging dead.

Although complaints were lodged at Chintamani PS no action was taken. Except for Guruprasad the other convicts were not arrested. Seeni was moved to another place with the help of SI Sardar.

The SFI and Akhila Bharath Janawadi Mahila Sanghatana (an organization) protested against the rape and murder case in front of Kolar DC and at the DSP office, but in vain. No action has been taken till date. The Shruthi's family has lost their hope in the police.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/80/07; KAR/KOD/PT/82/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Chenna 2) Prakash
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Karpaiah 2) Manohar 3) Manjunath 4) Nandha 5) Suresh Kumar, SI
Location	: Somwarpet
Date of incident	: 07/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chenna belongs to the Dalit community and comes from a poverty stricken financial background. His brother Prakash works in Somwarpet bus stand.

On 7 November 2007, Prakash was abused by his supervisor Karpaiah at Somwarpet bus stand.

Chenna proceeded to question supervisor Karpaiah about why he was abusing his brother. Following his questions, Chenna and Prakash were assaulted by three men. The men pulled,

kicked and hit the brothers, causing Chenna's little finger to bleed. His clothes were also torn. Both the brothers were severely injured, and subsequently got first aid treatment at the GH.

Initially the police refused to receive the complaint. Later on, when other members of the community urged the police to take action, they filed a case. In the meantime SI Suresh Kumar called Chenna's wife to the police station and forced her to compromise the case, but she denied to comply with the SIs wishes. The perpetrators were finally arrested and detained in the police station for the DSP inquiry.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/24/07
Victim(s)	: Gowramma Baramappa Tippannavar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Gajegowdar 2) Police
Location	: Kankapura village, Haveri
Date of incident	: 18/07/2007

Case Details:

The victim Gowramma was Baramappa's second wife and resided in Kankapura village. In March 2006, Gowramma's in-laws conspired to kill her and gave her electric shocks from a live wire while she was asleep.

Gowramma approached the police, who initially supported her. However after receiving a phone call from Gajegowdar, an influential person of the village, they changed their behaviour towards her. They grabbed her mangalsutra (wedding chain) and confiscated it, injuring her hand. Later they took her to Gajigowdar's house to resolve the matter. Gajigowdar assured her that he would get her chain back.

To date, Gowramma's in-laws are still torturing her. On 18 July 2007, Gowramma's in-laws tried to strangle her to death but she somehow survived. Gowramma attempted to commit suicide but was unsuccessful.

The victim states that she would rather die than suffer such torture but has lost all hope in the police.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/28/07
Victim(s) : Kabidas
Perpetrator(s) : POs
Location : Nayagarh, Krishnarja Sagar PS
Date of incident : 24/06/2007

Case Details:

Arjuna Moharna is a labour contractor. On 19 June 2007, Arjuna, promising better living conditions and high wages, took 12 boys from Pathara village to Nayagarh. Victim Kabidas was among the 12 boys. Arjuna employed all the boys in Shobha Construction. After working for one month, the boys demanded their wages, but were denied payment. Due to the poor working conditions and lack of pay, the boys planned to return home.

Kabidas asked to leave. Arjuna promised him a gate pass from Shobha Construction Company. Instead, he returned with Goondas (henchmen) and severely beat the workers. Consequently, Kabidas died of related injuries.

Though Krishnarja Sagar POs were informed of the incident, no action was taken.

Two boys reached their villages, seven have not yet returned.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/36/07
Victim(s) : Kalavathi
Perpetrator(s) : POs Town PS
Location : Town PS
Date of incident : 14/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kalavathi and her husband had a land dispute with another family.

On 14 September 2007, the other family (hereinafter, "the attackers") attacked Kalavathi and her family members with weapons. The attackers injured Kalavathi on her head.

Kalavathi's husband lodged a complaint against the attackers at Town PS. However, the Town PS police officer have not investigated the complaint or taken any measures against the attackers. The attackers continue to live in the village and threaten Kalavathi and her family.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/18/07
Victim(s) : Ramesh
Perpetrator(s) : Mani,SI,
Chintamani Rural PS
Location : Chintamani Rural PS
Date of incident : 09/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kodigal Ramesh had a land depute with another villager (hereinafter, "the attacker"). On several occasions, the attacker had tried to kill Ramesh.

On 9 July 2007, Ramesh had gone to Kodigal and his friends were walking through the forest. The attacker was hiding behind some bushes, and he attacked Ramesh with a knife, attempting to kill Ramesh.

Ramesh attempted to lodge a complaint with the Chintamani Rural PS. However, Chintamani Rural PS Sub-Inspector Mani refused to register the complaint. Sub-Inspector Mani expressed annoyance at the many complaints Ramesh had filed against the attacker in the past. Sub-Inspector Mani told Ramesh not to disturb him anymore.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/67/07
Victim(s) : Lokamani
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Harivardhan, S.I, Narasipura PS;
2) POs Narasipura PS
Location : Narasipura PS
Date of incident : 11/12/2007

Case Details:

Victim Lokamani went to Chamundesawri Hospital for treatment of an upset stomach.

While Lokamani was in the hospital, a lady sprayed some powder on Lokamani's face. Lokamani felt a sudden pain, and the lady then attempted to steal Lokamani's gold chain.

Police officers from the Narasipura PS, where Harivardhan is the SI, detained the lady. However, the lady bribed the police officers to release her.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/29/07
Victim(s) : Manjula
Perpetrator(s) : Laxmi, PC, Yelahanka Sub-Urban PS
Location : Yelahanka Sub-Urban PS
Date of incident : 28/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Manjula resides in Bangalore.

Manjula married Siddaraju in 2003. She has since resided in Bangalore with her in-laws, but they began to harass her shortly after her marriage. Manjula's sister-in-law Laxmi was a Police Constable at the Sub-Urban Police Station. Manjula's in-laws constantly criticized her, and her husband threatened to kill her. Manjula told her parents about her treatment, and they spoke to her husband.

On 28th September, 2007 the victim Manjula was beaten by her sister-in-law Laxmi and was punched on her head. Laxmi told Manjula that she would pour kerosene over her and flame her. She also threatened to file a case alleging that Manjula had absconded. The victim Manjula lodged a complaint at the Sub-Urban Police Station, and the copy of the FIR copy was given to her. However, no measures have been taken against Laxmi.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/42/07
Victim(s) : Manjunath
Perpetrator(s) : POs Srinivasapura PS
Location : Srinivasapura PS
Date of incident : 14/11/2007

Case Details:

On 14 November 2007, victim Majunatha waited in the Nayankanahalli Forest for his father who was a watchman there.

Suddenly, two men (hereinafter, "the attackers") who had been cutting trees in the forest attacked Majunatha with their cutting instruments. Majunatha sustained injuries all over his body and was knocked to the ground. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Majunatha later attempted to lodge a complaint with the Kolar Rural PS, but he was referred to the Srinivasapura PS. At the Srinivasapura PS, the police officers refused to accept Majunatha's complaint.

Majunatha is now unable to work due to the injuries he received from the attackers.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/12/07
Victim(s)	: Muthanna
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Dharmanna 2) Eshappa 3) Putappa 4) Devappa 5) Police, Savanur PS
Location	: Savanur PS
Date of incident	: 27/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Muthanna went to Savanur PS with his mother and brother to lodge a complaint against Dharmanna, Eshappa, Putappa, and Devappa because they had attacked and injured his family members. The authorities did not respond to Muthanna's complaint. No action was taken, and the policemen pretended to be busy with other duties.

On 18 April 2007 a notice was issued against Muthanna's mother, wife and himself, after which Muthanna stopped visiting the police station. Instead, he approached the court and consulted an advocate. On 12 March 2007 Muthanna lodged a complaint before the Assistant Commissioner of Savanur, concerning the police's inaction.

The attackers were of a higher caste than the victim and his family. Following this incident, Muthanna and his family find day-to-day life difficult in the village, as it is dominated by the upper caste.

FF Code	: KAR/MAN/PT/43/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Prasanna Kumar 2) Family members
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Diwakara 2) Prakash 3) Sampath Kumar 4) Police
Location	: Konanahalli village, Mandya
Date of incident	: 15/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Prasanna Kumar, aged 22, resides in Konanahalli village, where he works as a labourer in a jaggery production unit.

On 14 October 2007, the victim had a verbal clash with Chikkathayamma. The next day, the above mentioned perpetrators rushed into Prasanna's house and assaulted his mother with a chopper, causing injuries to her forehead. Having received news of the incident, Prasanna returned, where he too was assaulted. He sustained deep injuries to his head. Diwaker struck Prasanna's mother with an iron rod and threatened to kill them both. They were rescued by their neighbours and hospitalized.

Prasanna lodged complaints at Mandya Taluk Rural PS, but the officer refused to take action. No response to the case has occurred, till date. A FIR has been filed at the court and Prasanna still hopes for justice.

FFCode	: KAR/KOD/PT/04 /07
Victim(s)	: P.Sudha
Perpetrator(s)	: Gajendra Prasad, Inspector, Virajpet Town PS
Location	: Virajpet (Taluk), Kodagu
Date of incident	: 02/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Ms. P. Sudha, is 38 years old and belongs to the Malayali Thiyari caste. She is married to Mr. Ragav, who abandoned her after the birth of her three children. In 1990 she started work as a casual coolie in Kanangala village. She was employed by Vokaliga

Ramachandra. When Ramachandra came to know about Sudha's problems he gave her a small labour quarters to live in.

Ramachandra used to visit Sudha's house frequently and to torture her physically and sexually and also harass her children. Due to her financial problems, Sudha did not have the courage to protest. In November, 2003 Ramachandra told Sudha that he is going to sell his property and asked her to vacate the labour quarters.

Sudha joined another estate, where she was also provided with quarters. But Ramachandra used to visit her new quarters and tortured her and her children. As she could no longer take this abuse, Sudha had to quit her job. She found a new house to rent but Ramachandra found her again and continued to harass her. This continued until 2006.

Sudha then approached the Circle Inspector of Police Mr. Gajendra Prasad, at Virajpet PS, to make a complaint against Ramachandra. The inspector abused the victim with obscene language and refused to accept her complaint.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/51/07
Victim(s)	: Venkatesh Murthy
Perpetrator(s)	: Rajanna, S.I, Gundlupete PS
Location	: Gundlupete PS
Date of incident	: 27/07/2007

Case Details:

On 27 July, 2007 the victim Venkatesh Murthy accidentally fell into the crusher machine that he was working on. His left leg was severely injured and his colleagues took him to hospital. The doctor refused to treat him as it was a police case.

The village heads went to Gundlupete PS to register a case. The police, including SI Rajanna, refused to register the case, as the owner of the factory was related to the District Supervision Minister. Later the villagers decided to protest in front of the police station and as a consequence, the police registered the case. Thereafter the doctor also agreed to provide treatment.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/05/07
Victim(s)	: Yellappa Shivappa Atthigeri
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Yellappa 2) Parshuram 3) Ashok 4) Manjunath 5) Rathod, Officer, Savanur PS 6) Hombegowda, Officer, Savanur PS
Location	: Savanur PS, Haveri
Date of incident	: 12/12/2006

Case Details:

Victim Yellappa Shivappa Atthigeri runs a retail shop. He is a member of a Scheduled Caste.

Yellappa, Parshuram, Ashok and Manjunath (herein the 'attackers') are the owners of the neighbouring shop. On 12 December 2006, the attackers barged into Yellappa's shop, dragged him out and assaulted him violently, abusing him with obscene words. Many of the goods in the shop were damaged; gold ornaments and Rs. 16,000 in cash were missing. Yellappa's wife came to his rescue and was manhandled by the attackers. She was pregnant at the time, and because of the attack, she had to undergo a cesarean. Consequently, the child died after birth.

When Yellappa went to lodge complaints at Savanur PS, Officer Rathod and Officer Hombegowda threatened to book him under a false case. On 9 January 2007, Yellappa submitted applications to the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission and Karnataka State Commission for SC/ST. Replies were received from both the Commissions directing the police to conduct an inquiry. When Yellappa went to Savanur PS to inquire about this, he received a copy of the FIR which did not contain anything related to the harassment on a Schedule Caste. Despite the directions given by the SHRC and the State Commission for SC/ST, the police ultimately did not file the complaint.

04-Police Intimidation

FF Code	:	KAR/HAV/PT/04/07
Victim(s)	:	Karisbasappa
Perpetrator(s)	:	FO
Location	:	Ranebennur
Date of incident	:	20/02/2007

Case Details:

Karisbasappa was working in his field when he was arrested by forest officers for allegedly hunting animals. Material proof was found at Karisbasappa's house. The police had first arrested Nagappa, who in turn betrayed Karisbasappa. Karisbasappa suspects that the police officials were bribed to take action against him. The police officials forced the victim to sign blank papers, and his father-in-law Subhashappa Thambaramappa Katter fears something might happen.

FF Code	:	KAR/KOL/PT/32/07
Victim(s)	:	Nagarathnamma
Perpetrator(s)	:	Rajanna, SI, Srinivasapura PS
Location	:	Srinivasapura PS
Date of incident	:	09/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Nagarathnamma was president of the Panchayat Board.

On 9 September 2007, Srinivasapura PS SI Rajanna went to Nagarathnamma's home to inquire about her husband. SI Rajanna threatened to shoot Nagarathnamma.

After other villagers gathered in front of Nagarathnamma's home, the police threatened to kill Nagarathnamma and her husband.

05-Police Torture - No Death

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FF Code : KAR/HV/PT/07/06
Victim(s) : Ajeej M.
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Malesh Chowradha, Constable, Tadsa PS;
2) M.M. Kundhe Gowda, Constable, Tadsa PS;
3) Manjappa, SI, Tadsa PS;
4) Vinodh Muktadar, PO, Singave PS;
5) Honali, Constable;
6) Kashinath Hirekopa, Head Constable;
Location : Haveri
Date of incident : 10/05/2006

Case Details:

Victim Ajeej lives in Tadas Village in Haveri.

On 10 May 2006, at around 9:00am, Tadsa PS Constable Malesh Chowradha and Constable M.M. Kundhe Gowda, along with SI Manjappa, and Singave PS PO Vinodh Muktadar forcibly took Ajeej to a police jeep. In the jeep, the police officers beat Ajeej, and then took Ajeej to the Singave PS. The police also arrested Ajeej's friend, Ibrahim Patan and took him to the Singave PS.

At the Singave PS, Ajeej and Patan were forced to undress, and they were locked up in the DSP's office. The SI accused the two of theft, but the two men denied the allegations and pleaded to be set free. The SI then ordered Constable Chowradha, Constable Gowda, Constable Honali, Kashinath Hirekopa, Head Constable Hiremant to beat up Ajeej and Patan. The constables tied Ajeej's and Patan's legs together and they were beaten with a roller. The constables also stuffed rags in Ajeej's and Patan's mouths, hung them upside down, and beat them all over their bodies. The constables also stole Ajeej's and Patan's money and jewelry, and forced the to recite a confession on video pursuant to a script dictated by the constables.

On 12 May 2006, Ajeej and Patan were released. The police officers threatened to kill the men if they told anyone about their treatment.

Both Ajeej and Patan have complained to higher officials but no action has been taken.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/14/07
Victim(s)	: Ali
Perpetrator(s)	: Madikeri Rural PS Pos
Location	: Kodagu
Date of incident	: 22/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ali, age 25, lives in Kandakere Village in Kodagu.

On 22 February 2007, at around 6:00am, between ten and fifteen Madikeri Rural PS police officers forcibly took Ali from his house, beat him with a lathi, and kicked him. When Ali's mother begged the police officers to stop, they kicked her and pushed her to the ground.

The police officers beat Ali on the way to the Madikeri Rural PS. At the police station, the police officers made Ali undress and asked him questions about his brother. One of the constables beat Ali with an empty gas cylinder. Other police constables beat Ali with lathis and kicked them with their boots.

The Madikeri Rural PS police officers detained Ali from 9:00am until 8:00pm. He was forced to pay the Madikeri Rural PS CI Rs. 2000 to stop the beating.

At around 8:30pm, the police officers took Ali to the magistrate judge's house. On the way to the house, the Madikeri Rural PS SI threatened Ali with torture if he disclosed anything to the magistrate. One of the lady constables forced Ali to sign a blank piece of paper.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/18/07
Victim(s)	: Ananada
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramakrishnayya, HC, Sheshadripuram PS; 2) POs Sheshadripuram PS
Location	: Sheshadripuram PS
Date of incident	: 30/04/2007

Case Details:

On 30 April 2007, victim Ananada had gone out near the Railway Station to smoke.

While he was smoking, four Sheshadripuram PS police officers, including Head Constable Ramakrishnayya, dressed in civilian clothes called out to him using obscene language. The police officers then took Ananada near a tree and asked him if he had stolen some chains in

Bangalore. Ananada denied stealing anything, but the police officers did not believe him. The police officers then stole his chain, mobile phone, watch, and Rs. 500 from his pocket.

The Sheshadripuram PS police officers proceeded to beat Ananada on his hands, legs, and back, and one officer wearing boots kicked Ananada.

The public staged a protest regarding Ananada's treatment, but high police officials asked that the police officers be pardoned, which the public accepted. At the request of the village leaders, Ananada has not lodged a complaint against the Sheshadripuram PS.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/29/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Venkatamma; 2) Appu Kolar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Nagesh, SI 2) Harish, SI
Location	: KGF, Kolar and Andersonpet
Date of incident	: 26/09/2007

Case Details:

Salome, victim Venkatamma's son's mother-in-law, worked as a house maid. Salome and her employer Deva Abu developed an illicit relationship, during which time the employer began to bother Salome's young daughter, Deepa. As a result of Deva Abu's treatment of her, Deepa ran away from home.

Deva Abu had influence with the police department, and so he arranged for the police to search for Deepa in Venkatamma's home. Thus, on 26 September 2007, at night time, the police officers, including Champion Reef PS SI Nagesh and SI Harish, entered Venkatamma's home.

In the house, SI Nagesh grabbed Venkatamma's hair and dragged her across the floor, banger her head against the wall, and kicked her on her thighs with his boots. SI Nagesh continuously beat Venkatamma for thirty minutes while questioning her about young Deepa's whereabouts. The police officers also beat Venkatamma's young son, victim Appu, and they banged Appu's head against the wall, causing severe swelling.

SI Nagesh took a break from the beatings in order to drink some alcohol. After he finished drinking, he resumed beating Venkatamma and Appu. As SI Nagesh was finally leaving Venkatamma's house, he warned her not to go to the hospital. He also dragged her Appu to the police jeep and took him to his relative's house. When SI Nagesh brought Appu back to Venkatamma's home, he held Appu by the neck and struck Appu's back and kicked him in the buttocks. When SI Nagesh left the home, he warned Appu not to disclose the incident.

Appu could not sleep properly after the beatings because of the pain and because he feared that the police would return to attack him.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/82/07
Victim(s)	: Ayubkhan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Sreenivas, Inspector, Chamrajnagar PS 2) Govindaraju, S.I, Chamrajnagar PS
Location	: Chamrajnagar PS
Date of incident	: 30/09/2007

Case Details:

On 30 September 2007, ten Chamrajnagar PS police officers entered victim Ayubkhan's house and arrested him. The police officers tied Ayubkhan's hands and legs together and beat him. The police officers hit Ayubkhan on his hands, legs, shoulders, and back, and they hung him upside down.

The police beat Ayubkhan for two days, attempting to extract information from Ayubkhan about a fight that had broken out earlier.

Ayubkhan was produced before a court, and the judge ordered medical treatment after seeing Ayubkhan's injuries.

The police later asked Ayubkhan to compromise the case without pursuing a complaint.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/06/07
Victim(s)	: Babu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Shivanna, Head Constable, Vijayanagar PS 2) Dhanapal, Constable, Vijayanagar PS 3) Mahesh, Constable, Vijayanagar PS
Location	: Hinakal Bus Stand
Date of incident	: 19/03/2007

Case Details:

On 19 March, 2007, victim Babu was waiting at the Hinakal bus stand when Vijayanagar PS Head Constable Shivanna, along with Constable Mahesh and Constable Dhanapal, began abusing him for no reason. The police officers then took Babu to the Vijayanagar PS.

At the Vijayanagar PS, the police alleged that Babu had stolen a gold chain from a woman. The police beat Babu in order to extract a confession, and they caused Babu to sustain acute chest pain and also knocked him to the ground. The police then brought Babu back to the bus station and left him there without providing him any medical treatment.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/03/07
Victim(s) : Balakrishna
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Viswanath, Constable, Somwarpet PS;
2) Gopalkrishna Batt, SI, Somwarpet PS;
3) POs Somwarpet PS
Location : Kodagu
Date of incident : 06/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Balakrishna, age 30, belongs is a member of a backwards class and lives in Balagunda Village in Kodagu. He is an auto driver.

On 6 February 2007, at 7:30pm, Balakrishna was involved in an automobile accident with a bus that was the bus driver's fault. Balakrishna and the bus driver resolved the matter peacefully.

However, Somwarpet PS Constable Viswanath told Balakrishna to accompany him to the police station. When Balakrishna asked for the reason, Somwarpet PS SI Gopalkrishna Batt and four other constables armed with lathis beat and kicked Balakrishna and dragged him to the police station.

At the Somwarpet PS, the police officers beat Balakrishna on his legs, waist, chest and stomach. The police officers also strangled Balakrishna, leaving a visible blood clot mark on his neck. The police officers also threatened to lock up Balakrishna if he reported his treatment to anyone.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/79/07
Victim(s) : Bogananjappa
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Subramanya, ASI, Rural PS, Chamrajnagar;
2) POs Rural PS
Location : Rural PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident : 11/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Bogananjappa lived on Lingayat Street. He had an ongoing dispute with Shivamallapa.

On 11 September 2007, Rural PS police officers went to Bogananjappa's based on a complaint filed by Shivamallapa.

Rural PS ASI Subramanya beat Bogananjappa all over his body with a baton. The police officers then detained Bogananjappa at the Rurual PS for two days before he was produced before a court.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/62/07
Victim(s) : Bhagavan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) PO, Somwarpet PS
Location : Somwarpet PS, Kodagu
Date of incident : 22/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Bhagavan is a 3rd year BA student. On 22 August 2007 he stood for college president elections. His opponent Bhagath, who was directly elected by the college principal, had lodged a false complaint at Somwarpet PS against Bhagavan and his friend Bharath. The complaint alleged that Bhagavan and Bharath were threatening him. On the basis of this complaint the police interrogated, tortured and humiliated Bhagavan in public and at Somwarpet PS. Bhagavan was dragged to the police station and tortured. The police beat him on his forehead and legs with their lathis.

Bhagavan has claimed that he was tortured both physically and psychologically for no reason. Thus Bhagavan suffers loss of respect and dignity which has disturbed him to a great extent.

The case should be referred to the SP and drawn to the attention of the Human Rights Commission.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/67/07; KAR/KOD/PT/69/07
Victim(s) : 1) Manjappa 2) Shivanna
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Suresh Kumar, SI
Location : Somwarpet PS, Kodagu
Date of incident : 22/09/2007

Case Details:

Victims Manjappa and Shivanna are both agricultural labourers, residing in Somwarpet.

On 22 September 2007, Manjappa and Shivanna were sitting chatting when a home guard arrived with a Police Constable in an auto, they insisted that Manjappa and Shivanna accompany them to the station. Manjappa and Shivanna were violently taken to Somwarpet PS, where they were detained. The reason the police gave for detaining them was in relation to a complaint lodged by the BJP Candidate Nalini Ganesh. The complaint stated that Manjappa and Shivanna had removed their party banner.

Later on the complainant came to the Somwarpet PS and asked SI Suresh Kumar to punish Manjappa and his friends severely. Consequently, Manjappa and his friends were abused and beaten with lathis on their forehands and legs. The police were drunk at the time of the assault. Thus the police have subjected innocent people to severe torture in the name of interrogation, thereby acting in favour of political leaders.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/09/07; KAR/CHN/08/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Madappa; 2) Bellulli Madaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Uday Kumar, ACF, M.M. Hills, FO; 2) Santosh, Forest Guard, M.M. Hills, FO; 3) Mahadevappa, Forest Guard, M.M. Hills, FO; 4) VijayKumar, Forest Guard, M.M. Hills, FO
Location	: Forest Guard, M.M. Hills, FO
Date of incident	: 13/01/2007

Case Details:

In November 2006, two elephants were killed in Ponachi Forest.

On 12 January 2006, eight Forest Guards forcefully took Madappa to M.M. Hills. At M.M. Hills, the Forest Guard officers beat Madappa with batons in attempt to extract a confession from him that he had killed the elephants. The officers also deprived him of food for the entire day and made him stand upside down. Out of fear, Madappa submitted a false confession that he had killed the elephants. The Forest Guards then took Madappa to an unknown place and took photographs of Madaiah with ivory. The next day, he was produced before a court and then sent to jail.

On 13 January 2007, roughly twelve M.M. Hills Forest Guards went to victim Bellulli Madaiah's house and took him to M.M. Hills by pistol point. Some of the forest guards involved were ACF Uday Kumar, Forest Guard Santosh, Forest Guard Mahadevappa, and Forest Guard Vijay Kumar.

At M.M. Hills, the Forest Guards beat Madaiah all over his body with batons in an attempt to extract a confession from him that he had killed the elephants. The Forest Guards then took Madaiah to the forest workshop and hung him from ropes for the entire night. The next day, a Forest Officer threatened to kill Madaiah's entire family if he refused to confess to the crime. As he felt like he had no other option, Madaiah submitted a false confession that he had killed the elephants. The Forest Guards then took Madaiah to an unknown place and took photographs of Madaiah with ivory. They then announced to the media that Madaiah had killed the elephants. The next day, he was produced before a court and then sent to jail.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/25/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Chelvaraju T.S 2) Ganesh
Perpetrator(s)	: Kaverappa. B.C, PC
Location	: Ammathi, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 15/04/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chelvaraju T.S is an electrician residing with his family at Virajpet Taluk.

On 15 April 2007, he was standing with his friend Ganesh near Ammathi bus stop. Both men were drunk at the time. They had a small quarrel whilst trying to write down a phone number and eventually Chelvaraju was hurt; his nose began bleeding. Noticing this from afar, Constables Kaverappa and Shivanna of Ammathi PS, approached the two men and beat them with lathis. They also verbally abused the two men.

They were forcefully taken to the police station. Chelvaraju sustained injuries to his thighs, waist and ring finger. He was then sent home and instructed to come back the next day. Ganesh was taken inside the police station.

Chelvaraju is the sole bread winner of his family; consequently his assault has had a great impact on his family. Chelvaraju states that the police exaggerated the initial incident that took place at the bus stop, it was a friendly act between two friends and the police should not have involved themselves. He feels disgusted that he was arrested in public.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/26/07
Victim(s) : Devaraju
Perpetrator(s) : Appanna Naik, C.I,
Rural PS, Chamrajnagar
Location : Rural PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident : 20/03/2007

Case Details:

The victim Devaraju had a good reputation in the village.

On 20 March, 2007 someone had given a love letter to Prakash's sister. Prakash had suspected Devaraju and had made a complaint against him at the Chamrajnagar PS. C.I. Appanna Naik of Chamrajnagar PS took Devaraju to the police station and beat him with a lathi on his shoulder and his back. Devaraju's father was present at the time of the beating. The police also threatened to send Devaraju to jail for no apparent reason.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/ 14 /07
Victim(s) : Dinesh
Perpetrator(s) : Police, Robertsonpet PS
Location : Robertsonpet PS
Date of incident : 10/07/2007

Case Details:

On 10 July, 2007 the victim Dinesh was taken by police to Robertsonpet PS. He was accused of questioning the S.I. because he believed he had treated someone improperly. At the police station Dinesh was stripped naked. The policemen then beat him. He was illegally detained at the police station without any reason.

Later due to the intervention of some local political leaders, Dinesh was released.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/47/07
Victim(s) : Akram
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ramakrishnaiah, HC,
Sheshadripuram PS;
2) Unnamed Sheshadripuram
PS POs
Location : Sheshadripuram PS
Date of incident : 08/09/2007

Case Details:

On 8 September, 2007, victim Akram was walking to a paint shop with his friend.

On Akram's way to the paint shop, seven police officers from the Sheshadripuram PS Crime Branch Division, where Ramakrishnaiah is Head Constable, pulled up in a car and stopped Akram. The police officers forcefully dragged Akram to the Sheshadripuram PS. At the Sheshadripuram PS, the police officers asked Akram if he knew the whereabouts of another individual.

The Sheshadripuram PS police officers then took Akram to an isolated area and beat him, alleging that he had stolen gold chains. The police officers beat Akram on his back, legs, hands, and neck in an attempt to extract a confession. The police also stole Akram's chain, watch, cell phone, and Rs. 500 from his pocket.

FF Code : KAR/HAV/PT/33/07
Victim(s) : Umesha
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Swamy, ASI, Hamsabavi PS
2) Shylesh Muthy 3) G.B. Kallur
Location : Hamsabavi PS
Date of incident : 31/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Umesha resides in Madlur. His family owns agricultural land which is located adjacent to his uncle's land.

On 27 October 2007 Umesha was severely assaulted by his uncle's relatives, following which he went to Hamsabavi PS to file a complaint against them. Umesha was severely beaten up at the police station. He was hospitalized for four days.

On 31 October 2007, ASI Swamy, Shylesh and Kallur took Umesha to the police station, stripped him naked, beat him with lathis and kicked him with boot clad feet. Umesha's knee, back and left hand were injured. He was prevented from sleeping the whole night. The next day, he was taken to the hospital under the prior approval of the Magistrate, following which he was detained on 7 November 2007. Whilst in custody he was handcuffed and tied up. During the night he was released under bail and made to check in every Monday at Hamsabai PS.

The victim now seeks justice for the ill-treatment he was subjected to by the police.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/29/07
Victim(s)	: Filomina Maskariner
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramesh, police driver; 2) Constable Srimangala; 3) Constable Ciril
Location	: Kodagu
Date of incident	: 22/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Filomina Maskariner, age 27, works as in the healthcare industry. As of June 2007, Maskariner was pregnant.

On 2 June 2007, at around 9:45pm, Ramesh, a driver for the police, knocked on Maskariner's door and asked her to come out. Frightened, Maskariner screamed, and others came to try and catch and Ramesh. Ramesh beat everyone with a wooden log and bit them. He threatened to kill anyone who came near him, and he also warned them that he worked for the police department.

Soon after, Constable Srimangala and Constable Ciril drove by and picked up Ramesh.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/24 /07
 Victim(s) : Ganesh B.T.
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Prakash, Constable, Somwarpet PS;
 2) Suresh, Constable, Somwarpet PS;
 3) Shivanna, Constable, Somwarpet PS;
 4) Kevera, Constable, Somwarpet PS;
 Unnamed Somwarpet PS POs
 Location : Kodagu
 Date of incident : 14/08/06

Case Details:

Victim Ganesh B.T., age 35, lives in the Hallibetta Village in Kodagu.

On 14 August 2006, at around 1:00pm, Ganesh and other villagers protested in front of the Somwarpet PS regarding the police's delay in arresting some individuals accused of murder. During the protest, Constable Prakash asked Ganesh to accompany him to Kushalnagar for ten minutes, and Ganesh agreed.

Constable Prakash took Ganesh to the Kushalnagar Circle Inspector's office, where he made Ganesh lie down. Then, Constable Prakash and Constable Suresh beat Ganesh with lathis. The constables, also including Constable Shivanna and Constable Kevera, then chained Ganesh's legs, handcuffed him, and continued beating him. The constables then tried to Ganesh to accept responsibility for the murder. The police detained Ganesh for two days and beat him during that time.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/29/07; KAR/KOD/PT/30/07
 Victim(s) : 1) Ganesh, 2) Cheluvaraj
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Shivanna, PC 2) Kavera, PC
 Location : Virajpet PS
 Date of incident : 15/04/2007

Case Details:

On 15 April 2007, Ganesh and Cheluvaraj, who were friends, had a fight over a petty affair because they were intoxicated. Cheluvaraj suffered a bloody nose. Some policemen standing nearby beat Ganesh and Cheluvaraj with the lathis and verbally abused them.

Ganesh and Cheluvaraj were taken to Virajpet PS. POs let Cheluvaraj care for his bloody nose. The POs told Ganesh to sit down and to straighten his legs. Then, PC Shivanna stood on Ganesh's legs and started beating the soles of his feet. After, he ordered Ganesh to jump

continuously. When Ganesh complained of severe pain, PC Shivanna and another policeman beat him continuously for about half an hour.

The POs forced Ganesh to sit until 8.00pm. Then PCs Shivanna and Kavera returned and beat Ganesh for half an hour. They told Ganesh not to go to the hospital. Ganesh could barely walk when he was released from the PS.

On 25 April 2007, Ganesh was admitted to Virajpet Hospital and was discharged. Still, he is unable to walk and cannot work.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/01/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Girish T.A 2) Chinnappa
Perpetrator(s)	: Prakasg Gowda, SI
Location	: Sanivarsanthe, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 14/12/2006

Case Details:

On 11 December 2007, victim Girish had a trivial quarrel with a friend. During the quarrel Girish was injured and admitted to Sanivarsanthe GH. A Police complaint was also filed.

On 14 December 2007, Girish was discharged from the hospital and asked to meet SI Prakash Gowda. The SI began to assault the victim for no reason and beat him with a lathi on his hand.

Having gained news of the above assault, Chinnappa PC went to the police station and requested the SI to stop beating Girish. The SI then pushed Chinnappa down and started kicking him on the stomach and legs with boot clad feet. He even forced Girish to undress himself and spoke filthy words to him.

The SI carried away Rs.10, 630, a gold ring and a watch from Girish.

FF Code	: KAR/CHMN/PT/47/07
Victim(s)	: Gurusamy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Prabakar, Inspector, Rural PS, Nanjangunda; 2) POs
Location	: Rural PS, Nanjangunda
Date of incident	: 27/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Gurusamy worked as labourer on other people's fields.

On 23 July 2007, Gurusamy requested an employer's son to pay him his wages, but the employer's son refused. Then, the employer's son lodged a complaint against Gurusamy, claiming that Gurusamy had attempted to rob his house.

On 27 July 2007, two police officers forcibly took Gurusamy to the police station. Inspector Prabakar beat Gurusamy on his hands, legs, neck, back, and shoulders with baton, rendering Gurusamy unconscious. The police also deprived Gurusamy of food for the entire day, and continued the beatings the next day. The police also demanded that Gurusamy pay them money, but he did not have any.

The police also filed a false charge against Gurusamy, and he was sent to the Sub-Jail.

FFCode	: KAR/KOD/PT/06/07
Victim(s)	: Mr. Hamsa K.M.
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mr. Basavaraj, Police Sub-Inspector, Virajpet Rural PS; 2) Mr. Usman, Police Constable (Circle Inspector's Driver), Virajpet Rural PS
Location	: Virajpet Rural PS, Kodagu District
Date of incident	: 05/01/2007

Case Details:

Mr. Hamsa K.M. (46) is a resident of Chamiyal Village, Devanagari Post, Virajpet Taluk, Kodagu district. He is Muslim and belongs to the Safiya caste.

Mr. Ansar had just registered a complaint against Mr. Hamsa's son, Abdul Saman. Police Sub-Inspector Mr. Basavaraj of Virajpet Rural PS told Mr. Hamsa to appear before him at 6:30pm on 5 January 2007. When Mr. Hamsa arrived, SI Basarvaraj ordered him to undress. SI Basarvaj then beat Mr. Hamsa with a lathi and jailed him. Thereafter, SI Basarvaj continued beating Mr. Hamsa in the cell and kicked him with his boots. When the victim cried out, SI Basarvaj told him that he was being punished because he had not controlled his son. At 10:00pm, Sub-Inspector Mr. Basavaraj and Circle Inspector's Driver Mr. Usman forced the victim to sign a blank paper stating that he had been brought to the PS on account of the loan which he had taken from the Muslim Bank but had not repaid.

The police then took Mr. Hamsa to the judge's residence at Virajpet. Per the judge's orders, Mr. Hamsa spent five days at the sub-jail in Virajpet before being bailed out. Mr. Hamsa has complained to S.P. Kodagu District and other higher officers in Mysore and Bangalore about the incident. So far, no action has been taken against the culprits.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/69/07
Victim(s) : Imran Khan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sreenivas, Inspector, Town PS,
Chamrajnagar; 2) Govindaraju, S.I,
Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Location : Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

On 29 September, 2007 about 20 policemen, including S.I Govindaraju and Inspector Sreenivas, arrived at victim Imran Khan's house. The police then took Imran Khan to Chamrajnagar PS, without giving him a reason for his arrest.

At the police station, SI Govindaraju beat Imran Khan indiscriminately and kicked him with boot clad feet. He was detained at the police station for the whole night.

The next day, the police summoned him before the court and then sent him to jail.

Later on 3 October, 2007 he was released on bail.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/49/07
Victim(s) : Jacki Suresh
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Madaiah, PSI, Rural PS;
2) POs Rural PS
Location : Rural PS, Periyapatna
Date of incident : 27/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Jacki Suresh owned a wine shop and also worked for the Congress party. Suresh had learned from his friend, Manju, that members of their rival political party had spread rumors that Congress party members illegally transported alcohol.

On 27 September 2007, Suresh was returning home from a party in his car. He was stopped by police officers from the Rural PS, where Madaiah is the PSI. The police officers questioned Suresh about whether there was any alcohol in his car. The police officers then deflated Suresh's tires and took him to the Rural PS police station. Suresh saw Manju at the police station as well.

The Rural PS police officers beat Suresh and Manju with batons.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/22/07
Victim(s)	: Janardhan
Perpetrator(s)	: Ganagalingaiah, Inspector, Santhamaralli PS
Location	: Santhamaralli PS
Date of incident	: 07/03/2007

Case Details:

The victim Janardhan is a resident of M. Hosur Village.

On 7th March, 2007 the village held a Maramma festival. Due to the heavy crowds, somebody fell into the pool. To take revenge, a person in the crowd hit another person. The situation became tense, and the police of Santhamaralli PS soon arrived at the spot. They arrested someone and took him to the PS. At the station, the police beat him brutally with their hands and lathis and kicked him with their boots before releasing him.

The next day, the police again went to the village. They suspected Mr. Janardhan and took him to the Santhamaralli PS. The police beat Mr. Janardhan severely and had detained him until late that night. The victim's father arrived at the police station with the Community Leaders. The police released Mr. Janardhan after making him apologize.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/21/07
Victim(s)	: Jedeya
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Raju, District Forest Officer; 2) Dhanu, Forest Officer, Nelloor; 3) Sunda, Guard
Location	: Nelloor
Date of incident	: 26/03/2007

Case Details:

On 26 March 2007 the victim Jedeya had gone to work in the paddy field with his wife. Soon after, some police officials arrived and said that the Inspector had sent them to put out a forest fire. The policemen approached Jedeya and informed him that they were taking him to K. Gudii.

The forest officers Raju, Dhanu, and Sunda then locked him up and beat him brutally. Jedeya was then summoned before the court and then sent to jail at Chamrahnagar PS. Later the village heads arranged for him to be released on bail.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/ 27/07
Victim(s) : 1) K.A. Thangaraj;
2) Bister; 3) Mr. Vasanth
Perpetrator(s) : 1) M.J. Lokesh, Sub-Inspector, Medikiri
PS; 2) Aiayappa, Associate
Sub-Inspector, Medikiri PS;
3) Police, Medikiri PS
Location : Medikiri PS,
Kodagu District
Date of incident : 08/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim K.A. Thangaraj is a labourer and resides in Ponnava Village, Satyaraj Colony, Ponnali Post in Kodagu District. Victim Bister is Thangaraj's friend. Prior to the incident, victim Mr. Vasanth knew neither Thangaraj nor Bister.

On 8 March 2007, Thangaraj went to Mustapha's shop with Bister. Instead of Rs 500/-, he received Rs 600/- in change. Later, Mustapha filed a false complaint to the Medikiri PS in Kodagu, alleging that Thangaraj and Bister had stolen Rs 2500/- from his shop. Thangaraj and Bister were taken to the police station. Once there, the police made no inquiries about the incident and beat them severely. The police officers hit Thangaraj and Bister with their hands and lathis and kicked them with their boots while verbally abusing them. Thangaraj feared he might die from the beatings and pled for the officers to stop. However, the officers continued their beatings. Due to the assault, victim Thangaraj has sustained abrasions on his back and shoulder.

At about 11:45am, Mr. Vasanth witnessed the torture while passing by the station. Mr. Vasanth questioned Sub-Inspector, M.J. Lokesh about what he saw. He also explained the Supreme Court's D.K. Basu guidelines for arrest. Mr. Vasanth's comments angered the SI and the other policemen. They falsely charged Mr. Vasanth for aiding the two victims and kept them in the police custody. The policemen additionally beat Mr. Vasanth severely all over his body. Associate Sub-Inspector Aiayappa verbally abused him, asking how he dared to question an SI's action.

The policemen tortured the three victims in the police station till 12:00pm. At about 8:30pm they took the victims to the judge's house and later they put them in jail.

The police put money in the pockets of Thangaraj and Bister. Photos were taken and shown on a television news channel.

FFCode	: KAR/MAN/PT/03/07
Victim(s)	: Kalim Ulla
Perpetrator(s)	: Police Sub-Inspector, Maddur PS
Location	: Maddur PS, Mandya District
Date of incident	: 22/01/2007

Case Details:

Kalim Ulla is Muslim and in the 9th standard of Government First Grade College and High School Maddur. He resides in Ram Raham Nagar, Maddur Taluk of Manya District.

On 22 January 2007, Rizwan, one of Kalim Ulla's classmates, combined a powder that is injurious upon human contact with talcum powder. Rizwan proceeded to spread this substance on the seats of certain girls in the classroom. The Principal lodged a complaint to the Maddur PS. Rizwan told the POs that Kalim Ulla, Karthik Gowda, and Syed Munmeer had instigated the incident. Per the Principal's instruction, the POs took only Kalim Ulla and Syed Munmeer to the Maddur PS for questioning. The Police Sub-Inspector told Kalim Ulla to undress, hit him with a lathi, and kicked his hands and legs using his boots.

Upon being released the next evening, Kalim Ulla was suspended from the school and has not been permitted to return.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/46/07
Victim(s)	: Kalappanayka
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mujib, PO, Bychanahalli PS; 2) Khateeja., PO, Bychanahalli PS; 3) POs Bychanahalli PS
Location	: Bychanahalli PS
Date of incident	: 19/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kalappanayka lived at Somavarpet.

Kalappanayka received a favorable judgment against Abdul Gaffar, who had bribed Panchayat members to put Kalappanayka's house under his name.

On 19 August 2007, Bychanahalli PS police officers, including Mujib and Khateeja, along with Gaffar and his sons, went to Kalappanayka's house. The police officers beat Kalappanayka on

his head, and Gaffar's sons beat Kalappanayka's wife and daughter. The police then took Kalappanayka to the Bychanahalli PS. Kalappanayka sustained serious injuries and was admitted to the hospital.

Kalappanayka later lodged a complaint with the SP, Deputy Superintendent and SI to take actions against the Bychanahalli PS police officers and Gaffar. However, those officials were bribed by the police officers and Gaffar, and no measures were taken.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/32/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Naseema 2) Abdul Salam 3) Khatija 4) Ali 5) Ahmed Kabeer 6) Safik 7) Umrul 8) Saddique 9) Abu 10) Nassar 11) Maidun 12) Kassi 13) O. Umer
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Harish Chandra, SI 2) K.M. Maideen 3) Police
Location	: Madikeri Rural PS, Kuttam PS
Date of incident	: 21/02/2007

Case Details:

The victims mentioned below are residents of Kandakere who were subjected to brutal torture in the name of inquiry by Madikeri and Kuttam police officers.

- Abdul Salam was taken to the police station and his mobile was snatched by the police. His wife Naseema was also assaulted and kicked on her abdomen. Her gold chain weighing two sovereigns was snatched away.
- Khatija was assaulted as police entered her house. The policemen stated they were searching for her son, who was suspected of assaulting certain police constables.
- Ahmed Kabeer, a disabled man was also chased and assaulted on his way to the mosque.
- Safik, a twelve year old boy was assaulted by the police and he suffers from post traumatic psychological disturbances. Due to the assault he fears going to school.
- Umrul, Saddique and Kassi were detained in police custody. The police officers kicked with their boots while interrogating them about the whereabouts of few other people.
- O. Umer was tortured and stripped naked by police officers. Policemen took Rs.200 from him.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/85/07
Victim(s)	: Kasi
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) SI, Shettihalli PS 2) POs, Shettihalli PS
Location	: Shettihalli PS
Date of incident	: 21/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kasi is a jeep driver. On 21 March 2007, Kasi was delivering green pepper to Shettihalli in his jeep, a few friends traveled with him. On the way they stopped for tea at Gonikappa. A little later Kasi was stopped by five or six policemen at a check post. When he stopped, the policemen took his key away from him.

The policemen took Kasi and his friends to Shettihalli PS. When Kasi asked the reason for their arrest, the police said they were searching for a person named Jabber, and hence were taking them in for questioning.

Kasi and his friends waited at Shettihalli PS, where they were served food. When the SI arrived, he inquired about Jabber, and as the victims denied knowledge they were kicked by 8 policemen for nearly 15 minutes.

FF Code	: KAR/MY/PT/70/07; KAR/MYS/PT/69/07; KAR/MYS/PT/68/07
Victim(s)	: Kemparaju
Perpetrator(s)	: Nagaraju, Constable, Devaraja PS
Location	: Devaraja PS
Date of incident	: 10/10/2007

Case Details:

On 10 October 2007, victims Kemparaju, Lingaraju, and Mahadeva were driving with friends to the market.

Near Shastri Nagar, the car's left rearview mirror hit Devaraja PS Constable Nagaraju's left elbow. Constable Nagaraju knocked into a pedestrian and they both fell to the ground. Kemparaju and Lingaraju stopped the car to assist the constable and the pedestrian.

Later three Devaraja PS police officers dragged Kemaparaju and Lingaraju from the car. In public, the police officers beat Kemaparaju and Lingaraju on their heads and wrists and kicked them. The police officers then took the two to the Devaraja PS. At the Devaraja PS, the police officer punched Kemaparaju on his neck. The police then asked for Rs. 25,000 as a bribe to secure Kemaparaju's and Lingaraju's and Mahadeva's release.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/01/07
Victim(s)	: Kencha
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Santosh, Forest Official; 2) Madesh, Forest Official; 3) Guard, Kodahalli Range Office; 4) Mahadevappa, Forest Official
Location	: Pala Forest Preserve; Malemahadeswara Betta PS
Date of incident	: 13/01/2007

Case Details:

Kencha (45) is a resident of Allamarada Dodhi of Kolegal Taluk in Chamrajnagar District. He is Hindu and belongs to the Lingayth caste.

On 9 January 2007, forest officers Santosh, Madesh, and another guard of Kodahalli Range Office came to Kencha's house and took him 30 Kms away to the Malemahadeswara Betta Forest Bungalow. They locked Kencha in a room under the pretense that an officer wanted to meet him.

On 10 January 2007 around 3:00pm the guard took Kencha to a forest area in Pala, 20 Kms from Malemahadeswara Betta, to enquire about the death of an elephant. Kencha denied killing the elephant, and the DFO instructed the guard to hit him. The perpetrators tied Kencha's hands and hung him upside down. The victim was then taken to a forest bungalow, where they forced him to confess the crime on a tape recorder.

On 13 January 2007, forest officials went to Kencha's house to investigate the elephant killings. They falsely told Kencha that he had received money from the government and tried to convince him to come to the police station to receive it. When he hesitated, the officials threatened him at gun point and pushed him into the jeep. At the Malemahadeswara Betta police station, Guard Santosh and RFOs Mahadevappa and Madesh tortured Kencha until he confessed that he killed the elephants. The police then filed a case against him for killing elephants.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/48/07
Victim(s)	: Koli Manja (a) Manjunath
Perpetrator(s)	: Madaiah, S.I, Rural PS, Periyapatna
Location	: Rural PS, Periyapatna
Date of incident	: 27/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Koli Manja was engaged in poultry business. He was also a member of the Congress Party. On 27th September, 2007, Koli Manja was returning home after canvassing for the elections. About 10 to 20 men stopped his car and accused him of selling illegal liquor to the voters.

Later the police had gone to Koli Manja's home to search for the liquor but could not find anything. That night the police called Koli Manja to the police station. When he arrived, the police beat the victim on his waist and had asked to tell where he had kept the liquor.

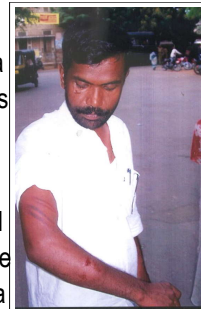
Koli Manja's friend went to the police station to get his friend released, but the police abused him as well. Koli Manja later narrated the incident to the party leaders but has not lodged a case against the concerned police, as he is not interested in pursuing the case further.

FF Code	: KAR/MAN/PT/08/07; KAR/MAN/PT/10/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Krishna Gowda; 2) Papamma
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Santosh Kumar, PO, Mandya PS; 2) POs Mandya PS
Location	: Mandya PS
Date of incident	: 26/03/2007

Case Details:

On 26 March 2007, victims Krishna Gowda and Papamma took part in a public protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office regarding limits on the amount of food distributed to families in need.

Mandya PS police officers, including Santosh Kumar, conducted a lathi charge to break up the protest. The Mandya PS police officers dragged Gowda on the ground and beat him on his hands, legs, and back with the butt of their guns. The Mandya PS police officers also stomped on Gowda



with their boots. Gowda sustained injuries to his head as a result of the beatings.

The Mandya police also beat Papamma on her hands, legs, and back with batons. The police also stomped on Pappama with their boots. Papama sustained many injuries as a result of the beatings.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/60/07
Victim(s)	: Kullaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Raju, Forester, Hunsur Forest Department 2) Forest Guards
Location	: Hunsur Forest Department
Date of incident	: 29/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Kullaiah belonged to a tribal community.

On 29th October, 2007 the forest officer and guards went to Kullaiah's house and assaulted his family members, alleging that they had deported sandalwood illegally. When Kullaiah questioned the foresters, they beat him brutally and detained him for five days. The foresters demanded Rs 10, 000 and threatened to kill the victim.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/04/07
Victim(s)	: Kumara
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mr. Udaya Kumar, Asst. Conservator of Forest, Male Mahadeshwara Betta, Chamarajnar District; 2) Mr. Mahadevappa, Forest Department, Chamarajnar District; 3) Mr. Santhosh, Forest Department, Chamarajnar District; 4) Mr. Khan, Forest Guard
Location	: Malemahadeshwara Betta PS and Forest Department Workshop, Chamrajnar District
Date of incident	: 13/01/2007

Case Details:

The victim, Kumara, is a coolie by occupation and Christian by religion.

Police in the Ponnachi Village of the Chamrajnar District were investigating recent elephant killings. At about 4:00pm on 13 January 2007, eight Forest Department officials, including Mr.

Mahadevappa, Mr. Udaya Kumar (Asst. Conservator of Forest), Mr. Santhosh, and Forest Guard Khan came to Kumara's home. They asked him to accompany them in the Jeep for some monetary consideration from the Government. Doubting about their intention, he refused to do so. The officials threaten to kill him and dragged him into the Jeep in the presence of his wife, Laxmi. At about 3.30pm he was brought near Malemahadeshwara Betta PS, where they forced him to accept that he had killed the elephant. They beat him up severely all over my body with a lathi and with the backside of a gun. At about 7 PM, they took him to the nearby Forest Department Workshop and tortured him throughout the night.

On the morning of 14 January 2007, Forest Official Udaya Kumar again threatened him to accept the crime, threatening to otherwise kill all his family members. Finding no other way, he confessed to the crime on a tape recorder.

Mr. Udaya Kumar stated that Kumara was arrested in suspicion to be involved in the recent killings of 2 elephants in the area. He denied any torture and stated that the victim himself confessed his guilt during the course of the investigation.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/87/07
Victim(s)	: Laloo
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Rajanna, SI, Gundlupete PS; 2) POs Gundlupete PS
Location	: Gundlupete PS
Date of incident	: 06/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Laloo owned a photo studio.

On 1 October 2007, one of Laloo's employees harassed a customer for obscene photographs that the customer had asked to be developed. In response, the customer lodged a complaint with the Gundlupete PS, where Rajanna was the SI.

On 6 October 2007, the Gundlupete PS police officers took Laloo to the police station. The police officers beat Laloo with batons before releasing him.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/43/07
Victim(s) : Laxmi
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Khatreeja, Police, Kushalnagar PS;
2) POs Kushalnagar PS
Location : Kushalnagar PS
Date of incident : 19/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Laxmi and her family had a dispute with Tanvir.

On 19 September 2007, Kushalnagar PS police officers, including Khatreeja, and Tanvir went to Laxmi's house. A female police beat Laxmi on the face causing Laxmi's nose to bleed. The Kushalnagar PS and Tanvir claimed that Laxmi's house belonged to Tanvir. Laxmi's daughter showed the police officers the appropriate documentation proving that her family owned the house, but police officers simply beat her in response. The police then beat Laxmi's husband Kalappanayka and took the family to the Kushalnagar PS.

At the Kushalnagar PS, the police officers continued to Laxmi's family. The police attempted to make the family members sign a blank piece of paper, but the family members refused.

FF Code : KAR/CHAM /PT/35/07
Victim(s) : Manjaiah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ravindra Kumar, RFO, Gundlupete Forest
Department; 2) RFOs Gundlupete
Location : Baragi, Gundlupete
Date of incident : 11/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Manjaiah belongs to the Solinga community. Manjaiah and some others had been provided some land by the government.

On 11 June 2007, Gundlupete Forest Department Forest Range Officers, including Ravindra Kumar, told Manjaiah and the other land recipients that they had no right to cultivate their land. While the others moved off their land, Manjaiah refused to leave.

The Forest Range Officers beat Manjaiah on his hands, legs, and back, rendering him on unconscious. The Forest Range Officers then threw Manjaiah into a bush and left him there.

FF Code : KAR/BAN/PT/09/06
Victim(s) : Mary Das
Perpetrator(s) : 1) PI, Chikka Jala PS;
2) Police, Chikka Jala PS
Location : Chikka Jala Police station, Bangalore Dist
Date of incident : 12/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim is Mr. Mary Das (24), a Christian, residing at Jevan Jyothi, Agape Street, Hennur Cross, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore. He is a taxi driver by occupation.

On 12 September 2006 around 7:00am, Nagesh and Girish hired Mr. Das to drive them to Bangalore. While driving, they told Mr. Das to go to the Chikka Jala Police Station, stating that they were policemen and wanted to interrogate Mr. Das about the missing Dr. Danashekar, as Mr. Danashekar used to take Mr. Das' taxi to the hospital.

Mr. Das told Nagesh and Girish that he had picked up the doctor on two occasions. However, his version was not accepted and the policemen took him to the Chikka Jala Police station, Bangalore Rural. The victim informed his brother, Yesudas, who came to the police station with his friend Binay. The policemen asked Yesudas and Binay to return later, but when they refused, the policemen demanded a bribe to release the victim. They did not pay the bribe.

Meanwhile the inspector arrived, and the policemen together took Mr. Das inside a room at the station, removed his dress, tied his legs and told him to walk around the room. One of the officers beat Mr. Das severely throughout his body. Because of the beatings, Mr. Das could barely walk. The victim was detained in the police station until 6:00pm and then released. The Inspector threatened Mr. Das not to disclose the incident to anyone. Mr. Das' brother, Mr. Das' boss, and Advocate Shiji Malai then took him to Bowring Hospital, Shivajinagar for treatment.

The incident was reported in the press, and police officers of the Chikka Jala PS started threatening the victim over the phone and asking him to come to the police station. They also threatened that he would be booked under false charges and put behind bars permanently if he complained to any forum.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/49/07
Victim(s) : Muniraj
Perpetrator(s) : Ramesh, C.I, Vijayapura
PS Crime Branch
Location : Vijayapura PS
Date of incident : 15/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Muniraj was a mason.

On 15 September 2007, at night, Muniraj went to Vijayapura circle with some friends. Vijayapura PS crime branch police officers arrested Muniraj without giving him a reason, and they took him to the police station. At the police station, the Vijayapura PS police officers beat Muniraj continuously for five hours, alleging that he had stolen some two-wheelers.

On 16 September 2007, Vijayapura PS CI Ramesh verbally abused Muniraj regarding his caste and demanded that Muniraj confess to stealing fourteen two-wheelers.

On 17 September 2007, the Vijayapura PS police officers demanded Rs. 40,000 from Muniraj's parents or else they threatened to publicize that Muniraj had stolen the two-wheelers. Muniraj's parents ultimately paid Rs. 20,000 to the Vijayapura PS police officers in order to secure Muniraj's release. The police warned Muniraj not to seek treatment at the hospital and not to discuss his treatment.

FF Code : KAR/CHAM/PT/41/07
Victim(s) : Muthanna
Perpetrator(s) : Mallikarjunaswamy, PC, Gundulpete PS
Location : Gundulpete PS
Date of incident : 18/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Muthanna was a resident of a Scheduled Caste Colony.

On 18 July 2007, Muthanna got into a verbal fight with a bus driver over the bus fare. Later, Gundulpete PS Constable Mallikarjunaswamy took Muthanna to the police station. Constable Mallikarjunaswamy beat Muthanna all over his body with a baton for quarrelling with the bus driver.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/03/07
Victim(s)	: Nagappa
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mr. Swamy, Forest Guard, Shivaji Nagar Forest Range Office; 2) Forest Officials, Shivaji Nagar Forest Range Office
Location	: Shivaji Nagar Forest Range Office
Date of incident	: 20/02/2007

Case Details:

Mr. Nagappa (26) is a resident of Haremallapura, Ranebennur Taluk of Haveri district. He is Hindu and belongs to the Marata Kshtriya caste.

According to the victim's father Sangudappa, on 20 February 2007 Nagappa was working in his field overnight. At about 8:00pm, he saw a rabbit and killed it. The next morning while returning to his home, Nagappa carried the rabbit with him. On the way, he passed by the residence of Mr. Swamy, one of the forest guards of Shivaji Nagar Forest Range office. Mr. Swamy saw the victim carrying the dead rabbit.

Mr. Swamy detained the victim on the charge of hunting animals from the forest and informed his higher officials. Some forest officials came to the Mr. Swamy's house, picked up Nagappa and took him to the Shivaji Nagar Forest Range Office. They locked up the victim, beat him up with lathi and kicked him with their boots. He was detained at the range office for 5 days.

When the victim's father approached the forest range officer Mr. R.R.Lamani, they had demanded Rs 10,000/- as bribe. Nagappa's father expressed his inability to pay such a huge amount, and the forest range officer told the victim to accept the charge. Nagappa was beaten further and forced to confess that he was hunting with another person named Karibasappa. Both were arrested on the false charge and were sent to the judicial custody. As a result of the beatings by lathis and boots, the victim suffered severe injuries on his body.

FFCode : KAR/CNG/PT/08/07
Victim(s) : Nagaraj
Perpetrator(s) : 1)Gurumurthy, SI, Chamrajanaga PS
2) Rajana, SI, Chamarajanaga PS
3) Subraminan, ASI, Chamarajanaga PS.
Location : Bujagana Pura, Chamrajnagara
Date of incident : 28/10/2006

Case Details:

Victim Nagarja belongs to the Schedules caste. He is 30 years old and resides in Bujagana Pura Village, Cahmrajnagar Taluk.

On 28 October 2006, at about 5 pm, Nagarja went to Chamrajanagar Rural PS to file a complaint regarding a fight between his family and his neighbour. When Nagarja approached Sub-Inspector Gurumurthy to lodge the complaint, the SI abused him and accused him of being a trouble maker. As Nagarja protested his innocence, SI Gurumurthy became angry and slapped him in the face. As a result, Nagarja's lips started bleeding.

Sub-inspector Rajana kicked Nagarja's back and Assistant Sub-Inspector Subraminan also joined in and hit Nagarja. Unable to bear the pain, he fell unconscious. He was given water by the police personnel and warned that he should not reveal the harassment to anyone.

He was sent home after signing a blank piece of paper. When Nagarja approached some human rights organizations for assistance, ASI Subraminan contacted the village elders and advised them to withdraw Nagarja's complaint.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/99/07
Victim(s)	: Nagaraja
Perpetrator(s)	: Jail Supt, Kollegal
Location	: Kollegal
Date of incident	: 19/11/2007

Case Details:

The victim Nagaraja was a resident of Palya village, Kollegal. He was arrested by the police in conjunction with a murder case in 2006, and sent to jail by the JMFC Court. The police, including the Jail Superintendent, beat Nagaraja with lathis, as a result he sustained injuries to his back.

On 19 November, 2007 Nagaraja suffered from chest pain and was admitted to hospital. Later he died.

According to a statement by Nagaraja's son, he suspected that his father's death had occurred as a result of police torture. After the postmortem, Nagaraja's body was handed over to his family.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/34/07
Victim(s)	: Narasimhappa
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) K.N. Ramesh; CI 2) Police
Location	: Chinthamani PS
Date of incident	: 12/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Narasimhappa, age 40, is a poor mason belonging to the Dalit Community.

On 10 November 2007, the victim went to a petty shop to buy beedi. Suddenly CI Ramesh of Chinthamani PS arrived in a jeep and forcefully took Narasimhappa to the police station. It was not clear why the police were taking him into custody. They arrived at the police station at 8pm, Narasimhappa was then beaten with lathis until midnight. He was not provided with food and due to the assault he sustained bleeding injuries on his head, face and shoulders.

Narasimhappa was beaten for another three days and released on 13 November 2007. When he left the police station he had Rs. 5000 taken from him.

This kind of practice is very common in Chinthamani, wherein the police regularly arrest poor Dalits and accuse them of false charges.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/36/07
Victim(s) : Narayana Gowda
Perpetrator(s) : Police
Location : Hariharapura
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Narayana Gowda is an agriculturist and a resident of Kommena Halli.

On 29 September 2007 he was riding his cycle as usual to visit his land in Hariharapura, 2 kilometers away. Suddenly many policemen surrounded him and charged him with lathis. He was assaulted for about half an hour, sustaining injuries to his hands, back and thighs.

After the attack, some people from Hariharapura started a protest and the Thasildar arrived at the scene and ordered the injured to be taken to the hospital. Narayana's hand was fractured and he had to undergo expensive treatment. He seeks justice and compensation for his problem.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/49/07; KAR/KOD/PT/48/07
Victim(s) : 1) Prabha 2) Yogesha
Perpetrator(s) : Police
Location : Piriypattana
Date of incident : 25/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Prabha and Yogesha are brothers. Prabha is an auto rickshaw driver and also a small scale farmer. Yogesha is a 35 year old agricultural labourer. They both belong to the Dalit community.

On 25 July 2007, they were transporting their cattle from Argya to Karekoppal, to plough the land. On the way to the farm, they were stopped by four policemen on C.K. Subbaiah Street, in Somwarpet. The police accused them of stealing the cattle.

The police abused them with obscene words. They then took both men to the police station, where they were beaten with lathis and kicked with boot clad feet. The policemen snatched Rs. 8000 from the men and returned only Rs. 1800. Finally, Prabha was sent away and threatened not to disclose the matter or he would be booked under a theft case.

Due to this assault, Prabha has become very fearful and is depressed.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/21/07
Victim(s)	: Prabu Virapur
Perpetrator(s)	: Ganesh Murthy, PSI, Haveri PS
Location	: Haveri PS
Date of incident	: 07/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Prabu Virapur was an auto driver.

On 7 September 2007, Prabu Virapur dropped his children at school and had parked the auto on the roadside. Officer Ganesh Murthy verbally abused him for parking his auto in the wrong area and tried to beat him. Prabu Virapur had held his hands tightly. Officer Murthy falsely accused Prabu Virapur of obstructed him from doing his duty. Officer Murthy beat the victim in the public and had dragged him to the police station.

At the police station, the victim Prabu Virapur was stripped naked and beaten brutally. Officer Murthy beat the victim with a lathi on his back, thighs, hands, and legs. Prabu Virapur was detained at the station until the afternoon. Then, the relatives of the victim and the other auto drivers went to the police station and had got him released. The victim did not register a case against the police, fearing that they would often disturb him.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/95/07; KAR/CHN/PT/60/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Puttaraju; 2) Mahesh
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Aradaya, Inspector, Kuderu PS; 2) POs Kuderu PS
Location	: Kuderu PS
Date of incident	: 08/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Puttaraju and victim Mahesh were a student of Kuderu College.

Some boys were jealous of Puttaraju's and Mahesh's friendships with some female students, so the boys penned an anonymous letter to a girl which portrayed Puttaraju and Mahesh in a negative light.

The girl's parents had lodged a complaint against Puttaraju with the Kuderu PS, where Aradaya is the Inspector. The Kuderu PS took Puttaraju to the police station and beat him with a baton.

The girl's parents also lodged a complaint against Mahesh with the Kuderu PS. In response, two Kuderu PS police officers went to Mahesh's village and beat him with a baton.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/13/07
Victim(s) : Puttagopal
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Ganagalingaiah, Inspector,
Santhamaralli PS;
2) POs Santhamaralli PS
Location : Santhamaralli PS
Date of incident : 07/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Puttagopal was a resident of M. Hosur.

On 7 March 2007, a fight broke out during celebration of the Holi festival. Puttagopal and his friends were near the fight but were not involved.

The next day, Santhamaralli PS police officers took Puttagopal to the police station. Ganagalingaiah was the SI at the station. The police beat him all over his body with a baton and had locked him inside a cell.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/18/07
Victim(s) : Puttaraju
Perpetrator(s) : Krishnegowda, PC, Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Location : Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident : 05/06/2007

Case Details:

The victim Puttaraju owned a grocery shop.

On 5th June 2007 a police constable went to Puttaraju's house in search of his son Lokesh. The police alleged that Puttaraju's son had committed theft. Puttaraju told the police that his son was working at a private factory in Bangalore. The police constable abused Puttaraju and had taken him to the police station.

At the police station, about four policemen beat the victim Puttaraju with batons by fastening him to a table with a chain. The police threatened him to either call his son to the police station or pay Rs 10,000 immediately. The police then detained him at the police station for three days without any food. Later the victim's son Lokesh went to the police station, and the police released Puttaraju.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/03/07
Victim(s) : Rachamma
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Raghupathy, S.I, Town PS, Nanjanagud
Location : Town PS, Nanjanagud
Date of incident : 02/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rachamma borrowed money from her sister to buy a cow.

On 2 March, 2007, Rachamma's sister demanded immediate and full repayment. Rachamma had asked her for a few days to return the money. Later, Rachamma's sister came to her home and verbally abused her, making Rachamma's blood pressure to rise and causing her to fall down.

Rachamma was admitted to the hospital. At the hospital police officers from the Town PS threatened to arrest Rachamma based on a complaint from her sister.

The next day, Rachamma went to the Town PS to explain her situation. Town PS SI Raghupathy beat Rachamma with a roller on her legs and stomach.

As a result, Rachamma unsuccessfully attempted to commit suicide by jumping into a well.

FFCode : KAR/KOD / 05/07
Victim(s) : Rajak
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Gajendra Prasad, CI, Virajpet Rural PS
2) Shivalingaiah, SI, PSO Virajpet Rural
3) Venkatesh, PC (Crime), Virajpet Rural PS
Location : Virjapet Taluk, Kodagu.
Date of incident : 02/02/2007

Case Details:

On 2 February 2007 at about 9 am, the victim Rajak (24) was sitting outside his front door in Chattiyaada Village, Virajpet Taluk, when PC Venkatesh of Virajpet Rural PS approached him and asked him to fetch some drinking water. Afterwards, he asked Rajak to accompany him to see a superior officer. On the way to the police station, the PC informed Rajak that a theft had occurred at his uncle's house on 31 January 2007. Gold ornaments and cash had been stolen in the robbery.

Rajak was taken to the PS and detained. The police attempted to force him to accept blame for the theft. On refusing to do so, Rajak was asked to undress and lie on a table. His legs were tied together and both his hands were chained to the table. Then CIP Gajendra Prasad, SI Shivalingaiah and PC Venkatesh began beating Rajak with lathis, all over his body. As he cried out in pain, one of the constables shut his mouth by inserting a cloth. Later, two of the constables rolled a huge iron roller over his body, using their whole body weight to push down on the roller. Unable to bear the pain any longer, Rajak accepted that he was guilty of the theft. The PCs asked him where he had hidden the stolen goods, he responded by saying that they were buried next to his house.

The next day morning SI Shivalingaiah asked the station writer to book a false case against Rajak. The SI also threatened Rajak that if he disclosed this incident, they would book another false theft case against him.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/93/07
Victim(s)	: Rajasekar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Lakshminarayana, Inspector, Kuderu PS 2) Aradaya, S.I, Kuderu PS
Location	: Kuderu PS
Date of incident	: 16/11/2007

Case Details:

On 16 November, 2007 the victim Rajasekar was taken to Kuderu PS by Inspector Lakshminarayana. The Inspector alleged that he suspected the victim of a theft which had occurred at his sister Onkamma's house.

The police, including Inspector Lakshminarayana and SI Aradaya, asked Rajasekar to remove his shirt, they then proceeded to beat him with a baton. They tied both his hands behind his back and continued to beat him brutally. They also beat his legs with wooden rollers.

The next day, Rajasekar's father went to the police station with the village heads and arranged for Rajasekar to be released. Later he was admitted at the hospital.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/41/07
Victim(s)	: Ramachandrappa
Perpetrator(s)	: Raghu Ram Reddy, S.I, Bethamangala PS
Location	: Bethamangala PS
Date of incident	: 15/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ramachandrappa was a mason.

On 12 October 2007, Ramachandrappa's neighbor's house was robbed, and the police were unable to find the thieves.

On 15 October 2007, Ramachandrappa's neighbor employed a black magician to help discover the thieves' identity. The magician performed a pooja and identified Ramachandrappa as the thief.

Consequently, Ramachandrappa's neighbor took Ramachandrappa to the Bethamangala PS, where Raghu Ram Reddy is the SI. The Bethamangala PS police officers searched Ramachandrappa's house and found nothing. Nonetheless, at the police station, the Bethamangala PS police officers slapped Ramachandrappa and asked him about the theft. Ramachandrappa explained that he was innocent. The Bethamangala PS police officers continued to beat Ramachandrappa all over his body, and they deprived him of food and water.

Ramachandrappa was about to commit suicide when protesting villagers demanded his release. After Ramachandrappa's release, the Bethamangala PS police officers warned Ramachandrappa not to lodge any complaints about their behavior.

FFCode	: KAR/MAN/PT/02 /07
Victim(s)	: Sadiq Pasha
Perpetrator(s)	: Santosh Kumar, North PS, Mandya
Location	: North PS, Mandya
Date of incident	: 26/01/2007

Case Details:

On 26 January 2007, The victim Sadiq Pasha (28), a Muslim and resident of Chamundaswari Nagar, Mandya district, and his friend Kalam Ula were riding on a bike from Bangalore to Mandya. Another car was driving in front of them and would not allow them to overtake. Sadiq Pasha stopped the car and asked the driver why he would not let them overtake. The driver shouted at Sadiq and in return Sadiq slapped him, and a quarrel ensued.

When both men were about to leave, a traffic constable approached them, asking if there was any problem. In response, they informed him that the issue had been resolved. The constable asked Sadiq for some money, to which he refused. Then the constable took him to the North PS police, stating that he would have to sign in front of the sub-inspector and then he could leave. When they arrived at the police station the Sub-Inspector Santosh Kumar started beating Sadiq on the legs, back and stomach. He was also verbally abused with obscene language. He was detained from 11.30 am to 3pm and no case was filed against him.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/46/07
Victim(s)	: Sanauulla
Perpetrator(s)	: POs Crime Branch PS
Location	: Crime Branch PS, Mysore
Date of incident	: 08/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Sanauulla owned a petty shop.

On 8 September 2007, while Sanauulla was going home, eight Crime Branch PS police officers stopped him. The police officers took Sanauulla and his friend to the Crime Branch PS.

At the police station, the police stripped Sanauulla naked and had beat him all over hi body with a rod, roller, and belt. The police attempted to extract a confession from Sanauulla that he had seen another man steal a chain. The police officers continued to beat Sanauulla with their belts after fastening his hands and legs together.

The police detained Sanauulla and his friend for three days. Before releasing them, the police officers took Sanauulla's and his friend's thumb impression on a blank piece of paper. The police warned Sanuulla and his friends not to disclose to anyone how they were treated.

FF Code	: KAR/BAN /PT/07/06
Victim(s)	: Santhosh Kumar
Perpetrator(s)	: SI
Location	: Bharathinagar PS
Date of incident	: 12/07/2006

Case Details:

Santhosh Kumar, age 24, works as a courier for First Flight Courier, K.R. Puram, Bangalore. He resides with his brother Srinivasa and sister-in-law Kavitha.

On 4 July 2006, he went to dispatch a courier letter to Jai Co Body Builder. He parked his Cycle near the security room and left his bag containing his mobile on the cycle. After returning, he could not find his Bag. He called up his manager, V.N. Chandrasekhar and informed him about the matter. Then when he called up on his stolen mobile, somebody received the call and told him to come to Coles Park to collect his bag. Finally he got his bag near the Church, but he did not find 3 letters and 10 open cheques from Chennai. All other letters had been opened.

Afterwards he went to the Bharathinagar Police Station with his Manager to give the complaint, but the Sub-Inspector of the station would not take the complaint. The SI beat Santhosh with his lathi 5-6 times in the presence of Santhosh's Manager. After the Halasur DCP intervened over the phone, the SI took the complaint but Santosh Kumar was not given a copy or any acknowledgement of this.

On 12 July at about 4 pm, the SI of Bharathinagar telephoned the Manager and told him to send the victim to the Police Station for enquiry of the reported theft. At about 6:00pm, four people came from the crime department and forced Santhosh to accept the charge of theft. They administered electric shocks on the victim's private parts 15-20 times and forced him to drink urine. They beat Santhosh with fiber rope 40 times.

When the Manager arrived at the PS, the police told him that they would release Santhosh the next day. The next day, Santhosh was again called to the Bharathinagar Police Station and was asked to confess the theft. SI Chandrashekar warned him not to disclose anything to his brother-in-law, who is an advocate. If he disclosed the matter, they threatened to file another case against him.

After 8:30pm, they sent Santhosh home. At about 10:00pm, his brother-in-law took him to Bowring Hospital, Bangalore where the Doctors gave him treatment and shifted him to the surgical department.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/07/07
Victim(s) : Shereef
Perpetrator(s) : Shivalingappa, SI
Location : Town PS
Date of incident : 19/09/2006

Case Details :

Victim Shereef is a 40 year-old Muslim that resides at Harikari Village, Kodagu. He works in the Virajpet bus stand as a coolie and does a brokerage between the auto drivers and travelers. On 19 September 2006 at about 10.30am, a PC called Shereef and asked him to sit in the police jeep. The PC told Shereef that Town Police SI Shivalingappa asked Shereef to meet him at the PS. By that time one of the dealer of Cow meat, which is prohibited into the Virajpet, telephoned Shereef and asked for cow meat. Shereef said he was not allowed to trade cow meat. Shereef told the PC that he has no links with people trading cow meat, but the PC took him to the PS anyway.

At the PS, SI Shivalingappa pushed Shereef into the lock up. Shivalingappa told Shereef to remove his clothes. The SI accused Shereef of bringing cow meat into the town and beat Shereef with a lathi on his back, legs and foot. Shereef was hit more than 50 times, and then held in the lock up until 7.00pm. Shereef was then taken to the Virajpet Government Hospital, and returned to PS at 8.00pm. Shereef was produced before the Court and released on bail.

Shereef continues to suffer pain from the beating and still has difficulty walking.

FF Code : KAR/MYS /PT/45/07
Victim(s) : Siddaraj
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Mallu, PC, Town PS;
2) POs
Location : Town PS
Date of incident : 18/09/2007

Case Details:

On 18 September 2007, victim Siddaraj went to T. Narasipuram. While he was eating snacks, four police officers, including Mallu, beat him on his neck. The police officers then took him to the police station.

At the police station, the police officers beat Siddaraj all over his body with batons and had kicked him with their boots. The police officers' beatings rendered Siddaraj unconscious.

When Siddaraj awoke, he said he would file a complaint, but the police officers threatened to file a false case against him.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/29/07
Victim(s)	: Ganesh
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Kaveriappa, PC, Koadagu PS; 2) POs Koadagu PS
Location	: Koadagu PS
Date of incident	: 15/04/2007

Case Details:

On 15 April 2007, victim Ganesh got into an argument with his friend and pushed him, causing his friend's nose to bleed.

Some Koadagu PS police officers, including Constable Kaveriappa began beating Ganesh and his friend with batons. The police officers then took Ganesh and his friend to the Koadagu PS.

At the Koadagu PS, a constable stood on Ganesh's legs with his boots and beat the soles of Ganesh's feet. The police officers then made Ganesh jump continuously. The police officers then released Ganesh. As a result of the beatings, Ganesh was not able to walk properly.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/36/07
Victim(s)	: Swamy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) R.P. Singh, RFO, Hunasuru Wildlife Subdivision;
Location	: Hunasuru Wildlife Subdivision
Date of incident	: 19/08/2007

Case Details:

On 19 August 2007, Hunasuru Wildlife Subdivision officers, including RFO R.P. Singh, took victim Swamy from his home for no reason.

The officers took Swamy to an unidentified place, fastened his hands together, and beat him on his legs, shoulders, and neck. The officers also beat Swamy with the butts of their guns and kicked him with their boots. As a result of the beatings, the officers were able to extract a false confession from Swamy that he had illegally killed a deer. The officers beat Swamy through the night and next day.

The police then demanded Rs. 10,000 from Swamy to secure his release. Swamy paid the bribe.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/88/07
Victim(s)	: Raghu
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mallikarjuna, Police, Gundlupete PS; 2) POs Gundlupete PS
Location	: Gundlupete PS
Date of incident	: 28/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Raghu worked as a hotel cook

Raghu beat a woman who he was having a sexual relationship with and who had cheated on him with another man. The other man told his friend Mallikarjuna, who was a police officer with the Gundlupete PS.

On 28 October 2007, the Gundlupete PS police officers took Raghu to the police station and beat him with batons. Later, the police released Raghu after receiving money from his brother-in-law.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/20/07
Victim(s)	: Vasanth S.R
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) M.J. Lokesh, SI, Madikeri PS 2) Ayyappa, ASI, Madikeri PS
Location	: Town PS, Madikeri
Date of incident	: 08/03/2007

Case Details:

Victim Vasanth belonged to South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM) and was a human rights defender.

On 8 March 2007, Vasanth was passing by Madikeri Town PS when he witnessed SI Lokesh and ASI Ayyappa beating two elderly people. Vasanth approached the policemen to question them, and he too received a slap and was dragged into the police station.

Inside the police station Vasanth was assaulted by SI Lokesh and ASI Ayyappa. Later three more police constables joined in abusing Vasanth. He was detained illegally and not given food or water. Vasanth was not allowed to be visited by his relatives either. The police took him in handcuffs and paraded him on the streets of Madikeri.

After the assault, Vasanth was released. The police threatened that they would file a false complaint in his name if he publicized the incident. Although Vasanth made several complaints to the higher officials, no action was taken.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/101/07
Victim(s)	: Veerabhadra
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) P.C Mahadevaswamy, Kangalamandi Rural PS ; 2) P.C. Shivaswamy, Kangalamandi Rural PS.
Location	: Kangalamandi Rural PS
Date of incident	: 08/12/2007

Case Details:

The victim Veerabhadra is an agricultural worker. Prior to the incident, there were several thefts in the Kangalamandi area. The police searched Veerabhadra's house in conjunction with these theft cases.

P.C Mahadevaswamy and P.C. Shivaswamy of Kangalamandi Rural PS, took Veerabhadra to the out post police station and beat him brutally with lathis. He was beaten all over his body, particularly on his back and shoulders. He was locked up and detained illegally for two days. Veerabhadra's family protested against his detainment, and as a result the police released him.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/24/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Venkatachalapathy; 2) Ramasamy
Perpetrator(s)	: Shivaswamy, Inspector, Rural PS
Location	: Ramasamudra Rural PS
Date of incident	: 14/04/2007

Case Details:

The victim Venkatachalapathy's father was Ramasamy. Ramasamy had a land dispute with a man from his village. On 14 April, 2007 Ramasamy had gone to Ramasamudra Rural PS to lodge a complaint against this man. At the police station, Inspector Shivaswamy abused Ramasamy instead of registering the case. Inspector Shivaswamy proceeded to beat Ramasamy indiscriminately without listening to his complaint.

Later Venkatachalapathy arrived at the police station, to enquire after his father. In turn, Inspector Shivaswamy also beat Venkatachalapathy brutally with a lathi.

On 14 April, 2007 Ramasamy was produced before the court on a false charge. He informed the magistrate of the torture he had incurred and the magistrate ordered for a medical examination to take place.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/68 /07
Victim(s)	: Yasin
Perpetrator(s)	: Sreenivas, Inspector, Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Location	: Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident	: 29/09/2007

Case Details:

On 29 September, 2007 a Hindu person was attacked. In the process of the investigation, the police visited Yasin's house. About 20 policemen, including Inspector Sreenivas, arrested Yasin and took him to Chamranjnagar PS.

When Yasin's father asked the reason for his arrest, the police refused to answer him. They detained Yasin in a cell and beat him indiscriminately with a baton. They also kicked him with boot clad foot.

The next day, Yasin was summoned before the court and then sent to Jail. Later he was released on bail.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/81/07
Victim(s)	: Zabiulla
Perpetrator(s)	: Govindaraju, Inspector, Town PS
Location	: Town PS, Chamarajnagar
Date of incident	: 03/09/2007

Case Details:

On 3 September, 2007 a vehicle was stolen. The police suspected that Zabiulla was involved in the theft. They came to his house at 2am and he was picked up by Inspector Srinivas and SI Govindaraju along with 20 police constables from Chamarajnagar Town PS. They forced him into a police jeep without telling him the reason for his arrest. At the police station, Inspector Govindaraju asked Zabiulla about the stolen vehicle. Zabiulla informed him that he did not know anything about the theft. Despite this, the police beat him all over his body with a baton. Particularly Inspector Govindaraju and Head Constable Mahadevappa tied Zabiulla's hands together, beat him with lathis and kicked him with boot clad feet. The beating continued until 9am the next morning.

Zabiulla was detained in the police station for two days and then he was summoned before the court. Later, on 11 September 2007, he was released on bail.

FF Code	:	KAR/MYS/PT/50/07
Victim(s)	:	Ziaulla
Perpetrator(s)	:	Prakash, Constable, Mysore Crime Branch PS
Location	:	Mysore Crime Branch PS
Date of incident	:	08/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ziaulla's friend was hit by a car, and Ziaulla questioned the driver for his rash driving. Later, Ziaulla came to know that the driver had been Mysore Crime Branch PS Constable Prakash.

On 8 August 2007, Mysore Crime Branch PS police officers went to the hotel where Ziaulla worked and took him to the police station. At the station, the police officers asked him about the theft of a chain. Ziaulla explained that he had no information about the case.

The Mysore Crime Branch PS police officers beat Ziaulla with a leather belt, roller and other weapons. The police then stole Rs. 2,400 from Ziaulla before releasing him.

The police also went to the jewelry shop where Ziaulla had purchased some earrings and a necklace for his wife and took Rs. 5,000 from the jeweler.

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FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/79/07, KAR/KOD/
PT/81/07
Victim(s) : 1) Abdul Rehman 2) Ahmed
Bashir 3) Ashraf
4) Family members
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Madaiah, SI 2) Police
Location : Kunjela village, Madikeri, Kodagu
Date of incident: 17/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Abdul Rehman is a businessman. He has two sons, victims Ahmed Bashir, age 27, and Ashraf.

On 17 November 2007, late at night, seven to eight policemen barged into Abdul Rehman's house, searching for his son Ahmed Bashir. SI Madaiah was present among this group of policemen. The policemen were from Bangalore,

The police beat up the whole family in the name of this investigation. As the police entered, Ahmed Bashir came out of his bathroom and was severely assaulted by the police. When Ashraf questioned the police, about what was happening, he received a kick to his chest from SI Madaiah. Abdul Rehman's wife was pushed down and she fell unconscious.

When the police left the house, they carried away a handset, worth Rs.28,000, a landline phone and Rs.8,000 in cash.

The Ashok Nagar police arrested Ahmed Bashir, accusing him of involvement in a theft case during his recent stay in Dubai. The police took up the case based on a red alert issued by the Dubai Police through Interpol. It is said that Ahmed Bhasha was arrested by the Dubai Police in October on the charge of theft. At the time he was asked to surrender his passport and other documents but disappeared and later surfaced at Virajpet. He had returned from Dubai on 9 November 2007.

The policemen, including SI Madaiah, attacked Abdul Rehman's house without prior information or an arrest warrant. Abdul Rehman's wife has been bedridden since this incident occurred. It has been revealed that the police detained Ahmed Bashir in a lodge and have been demanding a substantial amount of money for his release from illegal detention.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/13/ 07
Victim(s) : Ahamad Kabeer
Perpetrator(s) : 1) K.P. Harischandra, SI
2) Police
Location : Kandakere, Kodagu
Date of incident : 22/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ahamad Kabeer is a teacher of Arabic language. On 22 February 2007, while he was coming out of the Mosque after finishing his prayers, he was assaulted by SI Harischandra and two other policemen who were in their uniforms. The police thrashed him with lathis and beat him using their hands. All of a sudden the police began abusing Ahamad Kabeer with obscene words. Unable to bear the pain Ahamad Kabeer ran to the house of his friend who was accompanying him.

Ahamad Kabeer suffered pain in his limbs, wrists, back and calf muscles. The pain was so severe he could hardly walk. Ahamad Kabeer also experienced emotional pain as a consequence of this assault and desired that the police should be punished.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/23/07
Victim(s) : Ayub Khan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Parashivamurthy, S.I,
Sait Nagar PS; 2) POs
Location : Sait Nagar
Date of incident : 10/06/2007

Case Details:

On 10 June 2007, victim Ayub Khan was riding his motor cycle and accidentally collided with Sait Nagar PS SI Parashivamurthy who was also riding a motorcycle. The collision occurred near Udayagiri PS.

Two police officers beat Khan with a lathi, in the presence of SI Parashivamurthy, and dragged him to the police station.

FF Code : KAR/HAV/PT/11/07; KAR/HAV/PT/08/07;
KAR/HAV/PT/09/07; KAR/HAV/PT/11/07;
KAR/HAV/PT/05/07

Victim(s) : 1) Basavaraj 2) Raju 3) Hanumatha
Chowri Yellanka 3) Lalitha
4) Ramanna 5) Ramappab 6) Basanna

Perpetrator(s) : 1) B.N. Ambigera, SI 2)
Shivarudrappa, PO; POs

Location : Ranebennur, Haveri

Date of incident : 22/02/2007

Case Details:

On 22 February 2007, victims Basanna and Raju got into a fight with the village landlord. On the same day, police officers, including SI B.N. Ambigera, came to victim Basanna's house and beat her with a lathi. The police officers threatened to beat her private parts. The village landlord and his men also threw stones at Basanna and Raju, which was witnessed by victim Basavaraj, victim Hanumatha, and victim Ramappa, Raju's relative. When Ramappa attempted to help Raju, the village landlord threatened to kill him.

As a result of the beating, Basanna was hospitalized for four days, and Raju was also hospitalized. A case was subsequently registered against Basanna and her four children, and she was forced to check in every Monday at Halageri PS.

Also on 22 February 2007, the village landlord, police officer Shivarudrappa, SI Ambigera, and another man attacked victim Ramanna and struck her on the head with an axe. The men also beat Basavaraj with a stick.

After the incident, a police jeep arrived at the scene and made inquiries. However, the police officers were bribed by the village landlord to adopt his version of what had transpired. As a result, the police officers arrested Raju at the hospital.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/09/07
Victim(s) : 1) Byre Gowda 2) Ramesh
Perpetrator(s) : Police
Location : Bangalore
Date of incident : 15/07/2007

Case Details:

For a long time the SRS bus drivers have been creating trouble.

On 15 July 2007 victims Byre Gowda and Ramesh, drivers of the Venkateshwara bus, approached the SRS bus driver and conductor and questioned them regarding the trouble. As a consequence of this questioning, the manager of the bus called for the police. The police arrived at Bangalore Circle and inquired regarding the arrival and departure.

Meanwhile a mob had gathered in the place. The SRF staff started shouting and the police resorted to a lathi charge in order to clear the crowd. Byregowda and Ramesh were injured during this charge.

Then Byre Gowda, Ramesh and many others encircled the police station and condemned their behaviour. ASP Yellappa and DSP Chintamani attempted to settle the matter by holding peace talks with both Byre Gowda and Ramesh.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/39/07; KAR/MYS/PT/41/07
Victim(s) : 1) Chinnamma; 2) Yappa Gowda
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Laksmikanth, Forest Guard, Hunsur Forest Department 2) Ratnaiah, Forest Guard, Hunsur Forest Department
Location : Hunsur Forest Department
Date of incident : 25/08/2007

Case Details:

On 25 August 2007, Hunsur Forest Department officers, including officers Laksmikanth and Ratnaiah, went to the house of victim Chinnamma and her husband Yappa Gowda. The officers were searching for Yappa.

When Chinnamma explained that her husband was not there, the officers attacked her and her family members. Two of the foresters pulled off her sari and had sexually abused her. The officers also kicked her with their boots. As a result of the beating, Chinnamma sustained injuries and had to be hospitalized.

Chinnamma's neighbors caught two of the officers. However, the next day the Deputy Superintendent secured their release, but he made assurance that measures would be taken against the officers.

The next day, police officers arrested Chinnamma's husband alleging that they had attacked two forest officers.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/40/07;KAR/KOD/PT/44/07; KAR/KOD/PT/46/07;KAR/KOD/PT/42/07; KAR/KOD/PT/41/07
Victim(s)	: 1)Dinesha 2) Siddaraju 3) Girish B R 4) Suresha 5) L. Shivananda Murthy 6)Manjunath
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ramesh, PC 2) Suresh, PC 3) Siril, PC
Location	: Srimangala, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 02/06/2007

Case Details:

This case involves multiple victims, all of whom are members of staff at PHC Srimangala.

Victim Dinesha works as a pharmacist. Victim Siddaraju's wife Philomena is a nurse and lives in hospital quarters along with her husband. Victims Manjunath and Girish B.R work as Junior Assistants. Victim Suresha is a D Group Worker; he is a member the Scheduled caste. Victim Shivananda Murthy works as an administrator.

On 2 June 2007, Dinesha heard a sound from the womens' staff quarters. PC Ramesh of Srimangala PS was knocking on the door of Philomena and Siddaraju, persisting that Philomena come out. Dinesha, Suresha, Siddaraju and Shivananda approached PC Ramesh, to question him about what was happening. It appeared that he was heavily drunk.

PC Ramesh proceeded to attack all of the men with his lathi. He struck Dinesha on his leg and on the area near his bladder; he also threatened to kill him. Suresha was verbally abused, using his caste name. Shivananda received a strike to his head and Siddaraju was beaten with the lathi and his hand was bitten.

At the time of the incident, Girish was talking with Manjunath. They heard their neighbour shouting 'thief'. Immediately they tried to catch the intruder, (later discovered to be Ramesh PC), who was about to jump the fence. Ramesh PC attacked Girish and Manjunath. He beat them in the stomach with a lathi and bit their hands.

After the attack, PC Ramesh exclaimed that because he was a police officer, nobody could cause him any harm. He also threatened to kill the above mentioned men. He was helped by Constables Suresh and Siril to escape from the womens' staff quarters.

Ramesh has often been found creating havoc in the staff quarters, disturbing the women and pestering them to come out and spend the night with him.

At present Dinesha is under medication and fears that his life is at risk.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/11/07
Victim(s)	: Yellappa
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Krishnappa, P.C ; 2) Devanna Kumar, P.C ; 3) Ramesh, P.C
Location	: Benkipura
Date of incident	: 06/06/2007

Case Details:

Victim Yellappa, aged 25, belongs to the Scheduled caste community.

On 6 June, 2007 Yellappa went to Benkipura village in order to see his newly born daughter. At this time a village Panchayat was occurring in Benkipura regarding the case of an eloped boy and girl. Due to the Panchayat some police officers were present.

Yellappa's father-in-law and another person in the group indicated to the police that Yellappa had knowledge about the details of the case of the missing boy and girl. Yellappa was immediately taken to the police station by three policemen, of whom two were in civilian attire.

Yellappa was then subjected to brutal torture by the police. He received thrashings on his hands, legs and back and punches to his face. PC Krishnappa, PC Devanna Kumar and PC Ramesh beat Yellappa with lathis on his hands and all over his body. After an hour the police set Yellappa free, after getting him to sign his name on a blank piece of paper.

Following the attack, Yellappa was hospitalized. Although the swellings on his face have reduced since the attack, he still suffers from chronic pain to his back bone which gives him severe difficulties sleeping.

The CI and SI visited Yellappa in the hospital and assured him they would inquire into the case and take necessary action.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/31/07
Victim(s)	: Ibrahim. S.M
Perpetrator(s)	: Kumara, HC
Location	: Kushal Nagar
Date of incident	: 14/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ibrahim S.M is a small businessman engaged in vehicle brokerage work.

On 12 May 2007 Head Constable Kumara's son gave a bike to his wife's cousin. After lending the bike to someone it was returned damaged. Ibrahim took charge of repairing the bike.

On 14 May 2007, while Ibrahim was standing at a bus stand, HC Kumara struck him from behind, on the right side of his neck. At the time HC Kumara was with his son. They began to verbally abuse Ibrahim, using obscene language. HC Kumara and his son continued to assault Ibrahim, beating his neck, chest and hands.

The pain from the attack was severe, therefore Ibrahim admitted himself to hospital. His friends went to lodge the complaint, but were prevented from doing so by some local politicians who had brought Kumara to the hospital and persuaded him not to file the case.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/25/07
Victim(s) : Munavar
Perpetrator(s) : Police
Location : Kolar
Date of incident : 31/08/2007

Case Details:

On 31 August 2007 Victim Munavar was arrested while he was riding his motorbike. The Police accused Munavar of stealing the motorbike, although he had produced all the necessary documents. He was assaulted and dragged to the PS. Munavar's friends were also arrested for questioning the police atrocities.

Later, some Muslim people organized a strike demanding the release of Munavar and his friends. At the same time the VHP (Vishwa Hindu Parishad) arranged a counter strike demanding that the above mentioned, should not be released. The Police, in response, resorted to a lathi charge and blasted several rounds of tear gas on the groups.

In Kolar town, fifty percent of the population are Muslims; and locally Hindu people are known to be strongly backed by the VHP. As the majority of the policemen are Hindus they use their power in support of one side, thus being biased.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/44/07;KAR/MYS/PT/38/07; KAR/MYS/PT/33/07
Victim(s) : 1) Swamy; 2) Jayamma; 3) Raju
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Balakrishna, PO, Mysore PS 2) Ganesh, PO, Mysore PS
Location : Mysore-Bangalore Highway
Date of incident : 21/08/2007

Case Details:

On 21 August 2007, victims Swamy and Jayamma, along with 500 other villagers of Chamlapur Village staged a protest against the initialization of the Chamalapur Thermal Unit. The protest took place on the Mysore-Bangalore highway.

To quell the protest, Mysore PS police officers, including officers Balakrishna and Ganesh, arrested the Chamlapur Village leaders. In response, the protestors laid themselves across a police vehicle. Then, about 300 Mysore PS police officers conducted a lathi charge on the protestors. Many protestors, including women, were injured. Swamy sustained serious injuries and was rendered unconscious. She was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment.

The police also injured Jayamma with their lathi charge. She was beaten on the head and was rendered unconscious. She was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment.

The police injured Raju with their lathi charge. The police officers beat Raju in the stomach and other parts of his body with their lathis. Raju sustained several injuries and was admitted to the hospital for treatment.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/42/07
Victim(s)	: Chaluve Gowda
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Ratnaiah, Forest Officer, Hunsur Forest Department; 2) Hunsur Forest Department Officers; 3) Unnamed POs
Location	: Hunsur Forest Department
Date of incident	: 25/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Chaluve Gowda worked in agriculture.

On 25 August 2007, Hunsur Forest Department officers, including Ratnaiah, entered Gowda's neighbor's house. The forest officers beat his neighbor with a baton. Gowda and his brother objected to the beatings. In response, the forest officers kicked Gowda and his brother with their boots and beat them.

Several villagers ultimately captured the forest officers. The next day, the Deputy Superintendent assured the villagers that the forest officers would be disciplined, and so the villagers released them. However, soon after, police officers arrested Gowda's brother, and Gowda's neighbor, claiming that the two had attacked the forest officers. Both men were detained in judicial custody.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/43/07.
Victim(s) : Chennakesava
Perpetrator(s) : Chikkaballapura PO
Location : Bangalore road
Date of incident : 13/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Chennakesava is an agriculturist.

On 13 October 2007, Chennakesava's tractor broke down on Bangalore Road, causing a traffic jam. A Chikkaballapura police officer shouted at Chennakesava to move the tractor. Chennakesava explained that the tractor would not start. In response, the Chikkaballapura slapped Chennakesava.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/75/07NA
Victim(s) : Fazila
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sreenivas, PI
2) Gopalasamy, Police Driver
Location : Town PS, Chamarajinagar
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

On 29 September 2007, Dasara sports were held at Ambedkar grounds. One team played football and another played cricket. A football accidentally entered the cricket field. The Muslim and the Nayaka boys quarreled over the matter and more than 30 people were injured. The police were called to the incident.

Later that night, the police went to victim Fazila's house in search of her husband Pasha. PI Sreenivas pushed Fazila down when she had questioned the police. Police jeep driver Gopalasamy and other PCs pushed Fazila into a corner. The POs beat Fazila on her face, shoulders and hands. The police arrested Fazila's sons.

When Fazila and her husband attempted to protest against the arrests, the police beat them with batons.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/M14/08
Victim(s)	: Devaan
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Basha, SI
Location	: Oorgaun PS
Date of incident	: 27/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Devaan is an auto driver. On 27 October 2007 Devaan was returning to the auto stand at Oorgaun Railway Station after delivering some articles to a hotel. On the way, there was a traffic jam and the police vehicle behind Devaan was blowing its horn repeatedly, but there was no room to give way. When Devaan reached the auto stand, POs accused him of not giving way for the police vehicle and arrested him.

At Oogaun PS, SI Basha beat Devaan on his hands, legs, and back. The POs also beat Devaan on soles of his feet. After beating him, the POs charged him with seven to eight theft cases. After the beatings, Devaan's whole body was swollen. After SI Basha stole Rs. 200, Devaan was released. Devaan was threatened not to disclose the matter to anyone.

Devaan is too frightened to lodge complaints against the police.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/34/07; KAR/CHN/PT/29/07; KAR/CHN/PT/25/07
Victim(s)	: 1)Devaraju; 2) Dunda Shetty; 3) D.M.Siddappaji; 4) Kumar
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mallick, Inspector, Yelandur PS; 2) POs Yelandur PS
Location	: Yelandur PS
Date of incident	: 13/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Devaraju and victim Dunda Shetty were residents of Y.K Mole.

On 13 May 2007, Devaraju went to the market. Someone spread a rumor that some armed youngsters were at the market. In response, the Yelandur PS police officers, where Mallik is the Inspector, conducted a lathi charge at the market, which caused a stampede.

The Yelandur PS police officers beat Devaraju and his father with their batons, and the police officers also kicked Devaraju and his father with their boots. The next day, Devaraju and his father were produced before a court and sent to jail.

The Yelandur PS police officers also took Shetty to the police station. The police officers beat Shetty for the entire night. The next day, Shetty was produced before a court and sent to jail.

Yelandur PS Inspector Mallick took Siddappaji to the police station and beat him with a baton. The next day, Siddappaji was produced before a court and sent to jail.

Yelandur PS Inspector Mallick also beat Kumar and his father with batons, and locked them in jail the whole night. The next day, Kumar was produced before a court and sent to jail.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/36/07
Victim(s)	: Durgappa Narasappa Vaddara
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Prashanth Naik, SI 2) Police
Location	: Shiggav PS
Date of incident	: 24/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Durgappa Narasappa Vaddara is a daily wage labourer residing in Shiggav village.

On 24 October 2007, he was chatting with his friends near a temple when some policemen arrived in a jeep. They assaulted Durgappa and his friends and took them to Shiggav PS. The policemen, including SI Prashanth Naik, began to kick them, beat them with lathis and stamp upon their legs. As a result of this attack, Durgappa and his friends were injured in their face, nose, ears and eyes, which were swollen. Some members of the public had tried to intervene but the police had dispersed them, by charging with their lathis.

On 25 October 2007, Durgappa approached the DSP, where he was assaulted again and imprisoned. Later, after he was released on bail, he again approached the DSP and the CI with the help of Karnataka Rakshana Vedika (KRV). No action was taken. A memorandum was submitted to the SP of Haveri demanding compensation, medical treatment and appropriate action against the concerned police officer.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/54/07.
 Victim(s) : Geetha
 Perpetrator(s) : POs PS
 Location : Kolar Bus Stand
 Date of incident : 02/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Gettha was a student of the Government Arts College. Gettha was involved with the Students Federation of India.

On 2 May 2007, Geetha assisted the Students Federation of India in organizing a rally from Kolar Bus stand to DDPI Office. Malur PS police officers interrupted the rally and beat the participants with batons. The Malur PS police officers beat Gettha on her head, hands, and legs.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/98/07; KAR/CHN/PT/97/07
 Victim(s) : 1) Harish; 2) Sampath Kumar
 Perpetrator(s) : Aradaya, S.I, Kuderu PS
 Location : Kuderu PS
 Date of incident : 06/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Harish was a 3rd year P.U.C student at Kuderu College. Victim Sampath Kumar was also a student at the same school and a resident of Navillur village.

Harish and Sampath Kumar often chatted to girls at their college. The parents of one of the girls, lodged a complaint against Harish and Sampath, at Kuderu PS.

On 6 November, 2007 two policemen arrived at Harish's house and took him to Kuderu PS. The police, including SI Aradaya, beat Harish with lathis and forced him to provide them with an apology letter.

Sampath was also taken to Kuderu PS, where the police beat him indiscriminately all over his body. In turn, Sampath also provided the police with an apology letter.

Later, some local leaders arranged with the police to have the boys released.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/46/07; KAR/
KOD/PT/47/07
Victim(s) : 1) Idrish Ahmed 2) K.K.
Vitala
Perpetrator(s) : Sannaiah, HC
Location : Harangi dam, Kodagu
Date of incident : 22/07/2007

Case Details:

Victims Idrish and Vitala are engaged in agricultural work.

Both men recently visited Harangi dam with some friends. The security guards, including HC Sannaiah, would not allow them inside as they had no permission order. After gaining permission to enter, Idrish and his friends were waiting for a consent letter to arrive. In the meantime another group came to the dam and managed to enter by bribing the security guards. Feeling that this was unfair, Idrish and Vitala confronted HC Sannaiah about the others entering. The HC then began to beat them. The HC kicked Idrish, beat his head with a lathi and kicked his stomach until he fell unconscious. Vitala was also assaulted.

Idrish was taken to the hospital and had 6 sutures applied to his wound. The police took away his R.C. book, insurance papers, LLR and Rs.1800. Moreover, the victim was not given any receipt for the complaint he had filed at the police station. Vitala was taken to the police station and detained that whole night.

On 27 July 2007 both men were taken to the Court in Somwarpet and released on bail. The SI of Kushalnagar Police Station had filed a case against Idrish, dated 23 July 2007, for no apparent reason.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/31/07
Victim(s) : 1) Jayamma
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Balakrishna. DCP, Bangalore
2) Ganesh, ACP, Bangalore
Location : Bangalore-Mysore Highway
Date of incident : 23/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Jayamma had taken part in a protest which was conducted at the Bangalore-Mysore highway against the construction of the Chamalapura Electricity Station.

Jayamma and many other villagers were protesting because the highway was to be constructed on their land. The senior leaders and the advocates who took part in the protest were arrested. Although the protest was conducted peacefully, the police started a lathi charge on the innocent villagers. DCP Balakrishna and ACP Ganesh were among the policemen present.

Jayamma was injured on her head and she fell down unconscious. Jayamma's father was also beaten by the police and many other villagers were also injured. Later Jayamma was taken to the hospital.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/57/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Vijaykumar; 2) Krishnaiah; 3) Mallaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: .Balakrishna Raju, Inspector, Teranambi PS
Location	: Teranambi PS
Date of incident	: 22/08/2007

Case Details:

The victims Vijaykumar, Krishnaiah, and Mallaiah are residents of Terekanambi Village.

Terekanambi Village has 38 acres of land which people of all the castes cultivated, including the Adi Karnataka people. The people of the Lingayat caste objected to that. On 22 August 2007, Maheeswarappa verbally abused the backward class in public while drunk. The victims took Maheeswarappa to the Panchayat along with other Community Leaders of the village.

Later that night, the police of Teranambi PS took the victims Vijaykumar, Krishnaiah, and Mallaiah into custody, alleging that they had unlawfully taken Maheswarappa to the Panchayat. The victims were detained at the police station for two days and were tortured both mentally and physically. After two days, the victims were produced before the Court and then released on bail.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/01/07
Victim(s) : Kalimulla
Perpetrator(s) : Santosh Kumar, SI
Location : East PS
Date of incident : 26/01/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kalimulla, a 28 year-old Muslim and resident of 6 Cross Mandya district, and his friend Sadiq Pasha were riding on their motorcycle from Bangalore to Mandya on 26 January 2007. At about 10.00am, Kalimulla attempted to overtake two girls in a car, but their driver would not permit them to pass. Kalimulla stopped the car near Factory Circle in Mandya and asked the driver why he would not them pass. Kalimulla slapped the driver. The passersby intervened and the problem was resolved.

However, a traffic PC approached Kalimulla and asked Kalimulla about the incident. Kalimulla said it was resolved. The traffic PC then asked the driver and two girls about the incident. They paid money to the PC and were released. The PC asked Kalimulla for money, but he refused to pay. The PC took Kalimulla to the East PS. When Kalimulla reached the PS, SI Santosh Kumar beat Kalimulla on his legs, back and on the stomach. SI Kumar also verbally abused Kalimulla. Kalimulla was detained from 11.30pm to 3.00pm.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/54/07
Victim(s) : Kalanigaiah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Govindah, Forest Range Officer;
2) Forest Range Officers
Location : K.R.Nagar jail
Date of incident : 22/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kalanigaiah managed 25 acres of land as a grant.

On 22 October 2007, Forest Range Officers, including Govindah, destroyed Kalanigaiah's ragi crops by planting saplings in the field where the ragi was grown. Kalanigaiah objected to the officers' actions.

The forest officers demanded that Kalanigaiah work as a bonded laborer. The officers also picked up Kalanigaiah and threw him onto the roadside. Kalanigaiah sustained injuries to his wrist, right leg, and back. Kalanigaiah had to receive treatment from the hospital.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/39/07
Victim(s)	: Kariyappa Hanumanthappa Lambani
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Nadafa, SI 2) Nagaraja, PO 3) Shankara Garji, PO 4) Suranagi, PO
Location	: Guttal Thanda, Haveri
Date of incident	: 17/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kariyappa Hanumanthappa Lambani is a coolie belonging to the Lambani caste.

On 17 October 2007 a pair of friends had a quarrel regarding a water issue. The quarrel had a political element to it, as the former belonged to the BJP and the latter to the Congress party.

Following the quarrel, some policemen arrived at the village, including SI Nadafa, PO Nagaraja, PO Shankara Garji and PO Suranagi. All men were dressed in civilian attire. At the time Kariyappa was returning from his sheep fold. The policemen assaulted Kariyappa severely. They assaulted him with their lathis and kicked him brutally. He sustained deep wounds to his ears, legs, back and other parts of his body, as a result of the thrashings. When Kariyappa's father came to his aid, he was threatened at gun point. Some women present at the time, were verbally abused with obscene words.

Later, when the victim was hospitalized he was shifted by the police without the knowledge of the doctor to another small clinic near the police station. The police then drew up a letter of compromise instead of pursuing the investigation. Later a fabricated press report was published in the newspaper.

FF Code : KAR/MUS/PT/70/07; KAR/
MYS/PT/69/07; KAR/MYS/PT/68/07
Victim(s) : 1) Kemparaju 2) Lingaraju
Perpetrator(s) : Nagaraju, Traffic PC
Location : Devaraja PS
Date of incident : 13/10/2007

Case Details:

On 10 October 2007, victims Kemparaju, Lingaraju, and Mahadeva were driving with friends to the market. Near Shastri Nagar, the car's left rearview mirror hit Devaraja PC Nagaraju's left elbow. PC Nagaraju fell into a pedestrian and they both fell to the ground. Kemparaju and Lingaraju stopped the car and attended to PC Nagaraju and the pedestrian.

Three days later, Devaraja POs dragged Kemparaju and Lingaraju from their car and, in public, the POs beat and kicked Kemparaju and Lingaraju. The POs then took the two to Devaraja PS. At the PS, the POs punched Kemparaju in his neck. The police demanded a Rs. 25,000 bribe before they would release Kemparaju and Lingaraju.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/47/07
Victim(s) : Kodandappa
Perpetrator(s) : POs Jaganath PS
Traffic police
Location : Konapalli Village
Date of incident : 17/11/2007

Case Details:

Victim Kodandappa belongs to a Scheduled Caste and lived in Konapalli Vilage.

On 17 November, 2007, Kodandappa was waiting for a bus with his friends. Some Jagnath PS traffic police verbally abused some girls who were also waiting for the bus. Kodandappa objected to the police's conduct.

In response, the Jagnath PS traffic police stripped off Kodandappa's shirt and dragged him to the police station. After learning that Kodandappa was a member of a Scheduled Caste, the police officers heat him on his hands and legs. The Jagnath PS police officers fractured Kodandappa's left hand during the beating. The police officers then fabricated a story to their Inspector, claiming that Kodandappa had been teasing the girls at the bus stand.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/51/07
Victim(s)	: Krishnamurthy
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Devamma, S.I, Mahila PS 2) Sakamma, Writer, MahilaPS; 3) POs Mahila PS; 4) POs Laksha PS
Location	: Mahila PS
Date of incident	: 07/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Krishnamurthy's wife lodged a false complaint against him at Laksha PS.

As per the Court orders, Krishnamurthy checked in with the Mahila PS everyday. On 7 July 2007, Krishnamurthy went to the Mahila PS to check in. However, the Mahila PS police officers, including SI Devamma and write Sakamma, harassed Krishnamurthy. The police officers also attacked Krishnamurthy and rendered him unconscious.

Later, Krishnamurthy attempted to lodge a complaint against the Mahila PS police officers with the Laksha PS. However, the Laksha PS police officers refused to register the complaint and instead lodged a false case against Krishnamurthy. Krishnamurthy was produced before the court and remanded under judicial custody.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/18/07
Victim(s)	: Laxmipathy
Perpetrator(s)	: S.I, Chikkaballapur PS
Location	: Chikkaballapura
Date of incident	: 15/06/2007

Case Details:

On 15 June, 2007 the victim Laxmipathy parked his rickshaw near Chikkaballapura bus stand. The SI of Chikkaballapur PS arrived and began shouting at Laxmipathy. Then the police slapped him. When he asked the police why they had slapped him, they became annoyed and began to beat him with a baton. Soon a crowd of bystanders gathered and questioned the police about their actions. Later the police threatened Laxmipathy not to disclose the incident to anyone and then they left.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/65/07
Victim(s) : Madhu
Perpetrator(s) : Sureshkumar, S.I,
Somavarapet PS
Location : Somavarapet PS
Date of incident : 22/09/2007

Case Details:

On 22 September, 2007 the victim Madhu and his friends were taken by the police to Somavarapet PS. Present among the policemen was SI Sureshkumar. The police alleged that the victim Madhu and his friends had broken a BJP banner. One of the BJP members then arrived at the police station and asked the police to beat Madhu.

The police beat Madhu brutally on his hands and other parts of his body. Madhu was mentally depressed after being beaten by the police,

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/91/07
Victim(s) : Mahadeviah
Perpetrator(s) : Nagarappa, ASI, Kuderu
Location : Kuderu Village
Date of incident : 18/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mahadeviah resided at Dalit Street in Kuderu village.

On 18 August 2007, he returned home from the fields in a drunken state, shouting loudly in the streets. While he was walking, the police, including Assistant Sub-Inspector Nagarappa, caught him by his collar and beat him brutally all over his body. Later Mahadeviah's son convinced the police to let him go.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/19/07
Victim(s) : Mahesh
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Praveen 2) Raju 3) Umesh
4) Chandrasekhar, ASI
Location : B.G.Pura circle, Mandya
Date of incident : 02/07/2007

Case Details:

Victim Mahesh is an agriculturist residing in B.G. Pura.

On 2 July 2007 while he was walking near B.G. Pura Circle he was stopped by Praveen, Raju and Umesh, to inquire about their mobile theft. Praveen, Raju and Umesh assaulted Mahesh. They scratched his face and kicked his legs, but he managed to escape.



The next day, after receiving a phone call, Mahesh went to the police station. When he arrived, Praveen was already there and had lodged a complaint against him. ASI Chandrasekhar scolded and beat Mahesh, in conjunction with this false complaint. After the assault, Mahesh returned home and consumed pesticide. He was hospitalized and shifted to many hospitals for treatment. While he was in a semi-conscious state, the police made him sign a complaint which favoured his attackers. After Mahesh was discharged from hospital, a false rumor was spread that he had compromised the case by accepting Rs. 10,000.

FF Code	:	KAR/KOL/PT/22/07.
Victim(s)	:	Mallikarjuna
Perpetrator(s)	:	Narayanasamy, PC, Rayalpadu PS
Location	:	Rayalpadu PS
Date of incident	:	06/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mallikarajuna, was a bus conductor.

On 6th August, 2007 a police constable named Narayanasamy traveled in Mallikarajuna's bus dressed in mufti. When Mallikarajuna asked him for the bus fare, Narayanasamy refused, informing Mallikarajuna that he was a policeman. The police finally paid Rs 15 and took the ticket.

Upon reaching his destination, Narayanasamy produced the ticket and asked Mallikarajuna for the balance of Rs 85 as marked on the back of his ticket. Mallikarajuna scrutinized the ticket and found that the "Rs 85" was written in ink pen while he had used a ballpoint pen. He then told Narayanasamy that he had written "Rs 85" on the back of the ticket himself. Narayanasamy was annoyed and beat him in presence of the passengers and took him to the police station along with the driver and other passengers. There, the victim tried to lodge a complaint against the police, but they refused to file it, asking him to compromise instead. Later, Mallikarajuna lodged a complaint with the Superintendent of Police, who assured him that he would take measures against the concerned police.

Further, Shiva, a police constable from the Anrewsonpet PS, assaulted Mallikarajuna with his hand and kicked him with his boot. The victim has sustained injuries on his face and shoulder from this violence.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS /PT/ 15/07
Victim(s)	: Mari Gowda
Perpetrator(s)	: Police men
Location	: Jayapura Police Station. Mysore Dist
Date of incident	: 31/03/2007

Case Details:

The victim Mari Gowda belongs to the Kuruba caste and is a coolie by occupation. He resides in Salundi Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysore District.

On 31 March 2007 around 9:00pm, there was a dispute between political parties regarding the inauguration of a newly constructed Government Hospital in Jaipura Hobli, Mysore Taluk and District. Related to this dispute, there was a public strike and the police interfered. Several people who were caught were beaten up severely including innocent people of Jayapura Village in Mysore District who bore no relation to the strike.

At 9:30pm that night, Mari Gowda was sitting with his mother in front of his house. Three to four policemen verbally abused him for supporting Siddaramaiah. They beat him severely and dragged him and other individuals to the Jayapura Police Station. At midnight, the police brought them to Mysore South Police Station where they were confined the whole night. At about 10:30am, Mari Gowda appeared before the Court; he was released on bail on 2 April 2007. The victim experienced body pains for more than 15 days following the beatings.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/30/07
Victim(s)	: Meenakshi
Perpetrator(s)	: Nagesh, S.I, Champion Reefs PS
Location	: Champion Reefs PS
Date of incident	: 14/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Meenakshi's relative, Deepa, was reported missing. Deepa's parents suspected Meenakshi and lodged a complaint against her. On 12 September 2007 the police went to Meenakshi's house and questioned her on Deepa's whereabouts. The police then left, threatening Meenakshi to produce Deepa within two days.

On 14 September 2007, Meenakasi was again called to the police station. The police verbally abused Meenakshi and again told her to produce Deepa within two days, threatening to detain her husband and her relatives if she failed.

Around 2:00am on 27 September 2007 the police again went to the victim's house when her husband was not there. The police entered Meenakshi's house to search for Deepa and assaulted Meenakshi with a lathi.

FF Code : KOD/MAN/PT/22/07
Victim(s) : Muddaiah
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Chandarsekar ASI,
Malavalli PS;
2) POs Malavalli PS
Location : Malavalli
Date of incident : 29/05/2007

Case Details:

Victim Muddaiah belongs to a Schedule Caste, and he was the headman of his village.

On 29 May 2007, Muddaiah witnessed his neighbor being dragged by Malavalli PS ASI Chandarsekar in the middle of the road. Muddaiah asked ASI Chandarsekar to stop, as the neighbor had been going to the temple with his family. Muddaiah promised ASI Chandarsekar that he would bring his neighbor to the police station the next day.

In response, ASI Chandarsekar beat Muddaiah on his neck and had pushed him to the ground.

The next day, Muddaiah lodged a complaint with the Malavalli PS against ASI Chandarsekar, but the police took no follow up action.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/37/07
Victim(s) : Murthy
Perpetrator(s) : Mahadeva Gowda, PC,
Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Location : Town PS, Chamrajnagar
Date of incident : 26/05/2007

Case Details:

The victim Murthy had an argument with Malladevaru for not including his name on the advertisement board which was prepared for the Chief Minister's visit to Chamrajnagar. A Police Constable from Chamrajnagar PS was present and intervened in the quarrel. The PC grabbed Murthy by his collar and beat him on his hands, legs, back and shoulders. The Inspector Govindaraju then took Murthy to the police station and beat him further. Late that night the police threatened the victim not to disclose this incident to anyone and then released him.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/06/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Muthe Gowda 2) three Travel Companions
Perpetrator(s)	: Police, Chamarajnaragar PS
Location	: Chamarajnaragar PS
Date of incident	: 01/02/2007

Case Details:

Muthe Gowda, age 35, is a resident of Ponnachi village, Kollegal Taluk, Chamarajanagar District. He owns his own business.

On 1 February 2007, Muthe Gowda went to Chamarajanagar with four others for business. While there, he borrowed their friend Mr. Nanjundswamy's bike. At 8:00pm, Muthe Gowda and his companions were traveling on the bike when members of Nataraja's gang bumped into the bike with their car. When Muthe Gowda tried to talk to the members of Nataraja's gang, the gang with weapons. Muthe Gowda and his companions began to run away, at which point Muthe Gowda slipped and injured his head.

The Chamarajnaragar police detained Muthe Gowda and his companions for a full day. The police severely assaulted Muthe Gowda and his companions on their feet and backs, and slapped them on their faces. The police filed a case against Muthe Gowda and his companions.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/07/07
Victim(s)	: Rangasamy
Perpetrator(s)	: Deputy Superintendent
Location	: Jayapura PS
Date of incident	: 31/03/2007

Case Details:

On 31 March 2007, there was a demonstration near victim Rangasamy's home. People burnt government buses, and the leader Siddaramaiah was arrested. Rangasamy and some villagers supported Siddaramaiah.

POs went to the village looking for Siddaramaiah's supporters. Deputy Superintendent and four policemen found Rangasamy. The POs beat Rangasamy with lathis on his knees and knuckles. They also pulled out hair from his head.

Rangasamy was taken to the PS with 15 others. There, POs verbally abused Rangasamy. Late that night, Rangasamy was transferred to Mysore South PS. He was produced before the Court and then released.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/69/07
Victim(s)	: Narsimhaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Mallikarjunaswami, PC, Gundlupete PS 2) Rajanna, Inspector, Gundlupete PS
Location	: Gundlupete PS
Date of incident	: 18/07/2007

Case Details:

On 18 July 2007 the victim Narsimhaiah was traveling on a government bus. Before reaching his destination, he asked the conductor for his change. A quarrel broke out between the two men and the conductor verbally abused Narsimhaiah. Later, the conductor filed a complaint with the police.

That night, the police arrived at Narsimhaiah's house and took him to Gundlupete PS. Inspector Rajanna and Police Constable Mallikarjunaswami scolded him for quarrelling with the conductor and beat him brutally. The police then threatened Narsimhaiah not to take any action against them. Out of fear, Narsimhaiah remained silent and did not file a complaint against the police officers.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/70/07
 Victim(s) : Nooriliyas
 Perpetrator(s) : 1) Sreenivas, Inspector,
 Town PS 2) Govindaraju, S.I,
 Town PS
 Location : Town PS, Chamrajnagar
 Date of incident: 29/09/2007

Case Details:

On 29 September 2007, about 20 policemen, including Inspector Sreenivas and SI Govindaraju, arrived at Nooriliyas's house. They took him to the police station without informing him of the reason for his arrest. The police then beat Nooriliyas with their lathis. The next day, Nooriliyas was summoned before the court and then sent to jail. On 3 October 2007, he was released on bail.

FF Code : KAR/HAV/PT/29/07; KAR/HAV/PT/30/07;
 KAR/HAV/PT/02/07
 Victim(s) : 1) Parmeshappa Madivanar
 2) Bombadappa Dhonappa Kadamani
 3) Dillappa Sadiyappa Havagar
 4)Gadigappa Holabasappa Thaggin
 5) Maylappa 6) Jagdish Holar Basappa
 Sangannavar
 Perpetrator(s) : K.D.Puttiah, PSI, DYSP.M.M.Agadi, & 40 PCs
 Location : Rannibennur PS, Haveri
 Date of incident: 29/09/2007

Case Details:

On 29 September 2007, the Panchayat Elections for the posts of President and Vice President were happening in Hirabidari village. A heated argument occurred between Congress party members and BJP members. Thirty police vans arrived and the policemen began ruthlessly assaulting the crowd with their lathis.

- Dillappa Sadiyappa Havagar received thrashings to his shin and suffered severe injuries to his head.
- Gadigappa Holabasappa Thaggin was not present during the police attack. When Gadigappa returned to the village he came to know that his name was also included in the list of the falsely charged. When he questioned the police, he was forcefully dragged, tortured, and beaten on his thighs. Gadigappa was in extreme pain and could not go for work for he was severely injured. The victim Gadigappa was refused treatment at the GH (Government Hospital).
- Jagdish Hala Basappa was waiting to see the election result. He states that members of the BJP and the MLA called for the police, as they held a grudge against him for belonging to the Congress party. When the police charged with lathis, Jagdish was injured on his hands, which are still swollen. Jagdish states that the police had been bribed by the politicians and hence were acting under their orders.
- Parmeshappa was among the crowd and was injured during the police attack. As he tried to escape, the police chased him into a temple and beat him, injuring his shin and left arm. The victim had swelling on his left arm and leg for three to four days.
- Bombadappa was injured on his little finger of his right hand and his right arm, causing blood clots. When Bombadappa went to the hospital he was denied treatment, following which he went to a private hospital.
- Whilst Maylappa was witnessing the Panchayat elections, the police chased him and struck him as he tried to escape. Due to this incident the victim has suffered severe injuries on his left hand, and thigh.

All of the victims wanted to lodge complaints against the police but the village elders advised them not to, as the police would then trouble the poor villagers. The police booked false complaints against the victims, many of whom belong to the Dalit Community.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/84/07
Victim(s)	: Prakasha
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Gopalkrishna Bhat, SI
Location	: Somwarpet PS, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 11/02/2007

Case Details:

Victim Prakasha is a timber merchant. A case was registered against him at Somwarpet PS, for which he was released on bail. However, during the night of 11 February 2007, he was arrested by SI Gopalkrishna and four other POs. The next day, when Prakasha's advocate Chidananda went to meet him, but was not allowed to do so.

Prakasha was detained on the court premises and on 13 February 2007, he was beaten by the POs with a lathi. Prakasha sustained injuries to his hand and right cheek. The police also threatened to lodge a false case against him and verbally abused him.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/58/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Prasanna 2) Rathna
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Khateeja, PC 2) Mujeeb, PC 3) Srinivas, HC
Location	: Kushal Nagar PS, Kodagu
Date of incident	: 19/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Prasanna resides in Kushal Nagar. On 19 August 2007 at 1.30am, Prasanna was informed that some police officers went to his house looking for him. When he returned home, he found PC Khateeja slapping his sister Rathna and holding her hands down. PC Mujeeb hit Prasanna in the head, which started to bleed. PC Khateeja forced Prasanna's mother and sister into the police jeep and took them all to the PS.

At the PS, POs punched and beat Prasanna with a lathi, causing injuries to his hands and face. Afterwards, HC Srinivas sent them home, but told them to return the next day. The victims were dragged back to the PS several times.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/88/07
Victim(s) : Raghu
Perpetrator(s) : Mallikarjuna, Police,
Gundlupete PS
Location : Gundlupete PS
Date of incident: 28/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Raghu, was working as a cook at a hotel in Gundlupete. He was friends with a lady named Susheela. He became close to her and they had a sexual relationship. Later, Raghu discovered that Susheela was having an affair with another man. Raghu objected to this affair and beat Susheela.

On 28 October 2007, the police arrested Raghu for beating Susheela. POs took Raghu to the Gundlupete PS and beat him with their lathis. Later Raghu's brother-in-law paid the police to release him.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/34/07;KAR/MAN/PT/35/07; KAR/MAN/37/07
Victim(s) : 1) Ramesh Shetty 2) Nagesha
3) Ningaraju
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Chinnaswamy, CI 2) Aruna, PC
3) Dorey, PO 4) Shankare Gowda, PO
Location : Hariharapura Village, Mandya
Date of incident: 29/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Ramesh Shetty is an agriculturist and in the past he served as the President of the village Panchayat for 33 months. Victim Ningaraju is an agriculturist owns a mini bus and engages in social work.

On 29 September 2007, the Taluk administration had scheduled an election for Hariharapura Panchayat. Many people were curiously waiting to find out the result and a small quarrel broke

out in the crowd. Around 15 to 20 policemen were deployed at the scene and began to charge the crowd with lathis. Ramesh, Nagesha and Ningaraju were all assaulted during the charge. Ramesh sustained injury to his left leg and other parts of his body. Ningaraju was severely hurt, sustaining injury to his waist and legs. Ningaraju was deeply wounded on his forehead and beaten by the policemen.

The Thasildar postponed the election and ordered medical treatment for the injured, as a result of a crowd campaign against the police activities. The victims were hospitalized.

The police state that they had used lathis only because the people pelted stones at them. When the matter was brought before the Magistrate, CI Ashwathnaraya, who was present at the time of the assault, stated that he had not given orders for a lathi charge.

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/18/07
Victim(s)	: Ramesh Nagappa
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Bommai, SI, Hangal PS; 2) Chouhan, SI, Hangal PS
Location	: Haveri
Date of incident	: 13/06/2007

Case Details:

The victim Ramesh Nagappa lived with his sister Deepa. Deepa was a widow, and her in-laws had sexually harassed her and tried to occupy her land.

On 9 September 2007 the in-laws abused Ramesh and beat his sister Deepa. The next day, Ramesh was taken to Deepa's in-laws' garden and beaten brutally on his chest and stomach.

The local police also beat Ramesh and confiscated his watch and mobile. Sub-Inspectors Bommai and Chouhan of the Hangal PS assaulted Ramesh with hands and their lathis, resulting in severe injuries on Ramesh's back, legs, and hands. Ramesh later committed suicide.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/17/07
Victim(s) : 1) Rangaswamy, 2) Shivanna
Perpetrator(s) : DYSP Cheluvarama Swamy
Location : Salundi Village, Mysore
Date of incident : 31/03/2007

Case Details:

On 31 March 2007 at about 9.00pm, there was a dispute between political parties regarding the inauguration of newly constructed Govt. Hospital in Mysore. A strike was held, and the police violently broke up the strike, injuring several people, including those that had nothing to do with the strike. Later that day, some people burnt a KSRTC bus on the road near the village.

Victim Rangaswamy, a 40 year-old Vishwakarma caste member returned to his home in Salundi Village after working as a carpenter. At about 10.00pm, Rangaswamy was sitting near the gate of the village. A police jeep looking for people involved in the earlier strike attacked the villagers sitting near the village gate. DYSP Cheluvarama Swamy verbally abused the villagers for allegedly supporting Siddaramaiah. The POs beat Rangaswamy with a belt and a roller, causing injuries to his back, hands, and legs. The Police dragged Rangaswamy to the police jeep and took him to the Jayapura PS, and, at midnight, transferred him to the Mysore South PS where he was kept all night. In the morning, Rangaswamy was produced before the court and released on bail.

Another victim, Shivanna, a coolie belonging to the Kuruba caste, resided at D. Salundigramm, Jayapur Hobli. Though he wasn't involved in the strike, POs went to his house and started beating him and accusing him of supporting Siddaramaiah. The POs verbally abused Shivanna by his caste. He was taken to the Mysore South PS and a case was filed. The next day, Shivanna was produced before the Magistrate and taken to the Central jail. On 2 April 2007, Shivanna was released on bail. He then sought medical treatment for his shoulder and back injuries.

FF Code	: KAR/KOD/PT/57/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Rathna 2) Family members
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Kateeja, PC, Kushalnagar PS 2) Mujeeb, PC, Kushalnagar PS
Location	: Kushalnagar PS
Date of incident	: 19/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Rathna is a labourer residing in Kushalnagar. Her neighbour Abdul Gaffoor and the victim do not get along, the result of which Abdul lodged a complaint against her in Kushalnagar PS.

On 19 August 2007, following the complaint, Constables Kateeja and Mujeeb came to Rathna's home and assaulted the family members present. They then dragged Rathna and her mother away, into the police jeep. Both constables slapped the women and kicked their calves with boots clad feet. Rathna was forced to do a hundred sit ups. Following the assault, they were sent home and commanded to report to Kushalnagar PS the next day.

On 20 August 2007 the Rathna was summoned to the police station but she could not go because of her injuries. In the meantime police arrived at her house along with her neighbours; and the latter entered the house breaking open the lock with a hammer. The police stated that they were confiscating the property and forced the victim to sign a piece of paper. Rathna refused to comply and the police left the house.

Rathna states that she feels no pity for the police and they ought to be punished for causing her physical and mental torture.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/24/07
Victim(s)	: Ravi
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Rachappa Swamy, CI 2) Rajendra, PSI
Location	: Town PS
Date of incident	: 03/06/2007

Case Details:

Ravi, a 24 year-old agriculturist residing at Chamanahalli village, Mysore, owned land near Bannur. Beside Ravi's land, MLA Sunitha Veerappagowda was building a home, which was

encroaching on Ravi's property and blocking Ravi's road. On 3 June 2006 at 5.30 pm, Ravi met with the MLA Veerappagowda and quarreled with him. MLA Veerappagowda called police the police and registered a complaint. Circle Inspector Rachappa Swamy and PSI Rajendra called Ravi to the police station to compromise the matter. When Ravi reached the PS, CI Swamy and PSI Rajendra beat him with a lathi.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/10/07
Victim(s)	: Sattigaiah
Perpetrator(s)	: Chulavaraj, DYSP
Location	: Salandhi PS
Date of incident	: 31/03/2007

Case Details:

On 31 March 2007 at about 9.00pm, there was a dispute between political parties regarding the inauguration of the newly constructed Govt. Hospital, Jaipura Hobli, Mysore Taluk & District. A strike was held, and police intervened. Several people were caught and beaten by POs.

On 31 March 2007, Sattigaiah, a 30 year-old Coolie from Salundi Village, Jayapura Hobli, was returning home. That evening police were looking for Siddaramaiah supporters. Sattigaiah had a guest staying with him, and they went to a local store after diner. Immediately a police jeep stopped. POs verbally abused Sattigaiah for supporting Siddaramaiah. The POs beat Sattigaiah and dragged him to the jeep. Sattigaiah sustained injuries to his hands and legs. Due to the beating, Sattigaiah vomited and suffered sever body pain.

At midnight, the police brought Sattigaiah to the Mysore South Police Station, where he stayed the night. The next morning, Sattigaiah was produced before the court. He was released on bail on 2 April 2007.

Sattigaiah was treated for related injuries at K.R.S. Hospital on 2 April 2007, and then referred to an orthopedic surgeon.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/32/07
Victim(s) : Shankaralingaiah
Perpetrator(s) : Satishkumar, SI
Location : Kirugavalu PS
Date of incident : 13/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Shankaralingaiah was a member of the Gram Panchayat and was involved in social service. On 11 September 2007, Shankaralingaiah went to the PS to lodge a complaint that his neighbour's daughter was missing. The police refused to accept the case, stating that it was a common occurrence in cities. The next day, Shankaralingaiah went to the Deputy Superintendent and lodged a complaint. The Deputy Superintendent ordered the ASI to receive the complaint.

On 13 September 2007, Shankaralingaiah and a few others went to the PS to lodge the complaint. The police asked Shankaralingaiah to stay, but told the others to leave. SI Satishkumar grabbed Shankaralingaiah by his neck and hit him on the neck several times. He then pushed Shankaralingaiah out of the PS.

Later Shankaralingaiah lodge a complaint to the SP.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/78/07
Victim(s) : Siddaraju
Perpetrator(s) : Mallikarjun, PC
Location : Town PS, Chamarajnagar
Date of incident : 08/09/2007

Case Details:

The victim Siddaraju was an auto driver. On 8th September 2007, Siddaraju has driving his auto when he was stopped by PC Mallikarjun. The PC grabbed Siddaraju and dragged him out of the auto. PC Mallikarjun beat Siddaraju on his face and shoulders.

Later Siddaraju went to the PS and lodged a case against PC Mallikarjun. Later, the village heads went to the PS and compromised the case.

FF Code : KAR/KOD/PT/18/07
Victim(s) : Siddiq
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Harischandra, SI
2) Shankari, HC
Location : Madikeri Rural PS
Date of incident : 21/02/2007

Case Details:

On 21 February 2007 at around 6.30pm, Siddiq's neighbor Abbu was taken to the police jeep. Siddiq, a 24 year-old residing at Bike Woods, Chetahalli Village, was standing beside the jeep to find out what happened. APC grabbed Siddiq and dragged him while another PC beat him with a lathi. The POs took Siddiq to the police jeep where PC Lokesh told to SI Harischandra that Siddiq was not involved in the matter, but knew the location of the people for whom the police were looking. The SI told Siddiq that if he did not disclose the location of the suspects, he would be arrested.

The POs then left and told Siddiq to remain there. At around 7.00pm, the same police jeep returned and the POs beat Siddiq and Abbu. The POs arrested them and took them to Chetahalli. HC Shankari took Siddiq's mobile phone. When Siddiq asked for his phone, HC Shankari kicked him. At around 12.00am, POs took Siddiq and several other prisoners to Madikeri Rural Police Station where they were stripped. About 10-15 PCs beat Siddiq and the other prisoners with lathis.

On 22 February 2007, the police did not provide Siddiq with any food. SI Harischandra forcibly took Siddiq's wallet which contained Rs.830/- and 3 blank cheques. One PC forced Siddiq to sign blank papers and took his fingerprints. At around 8.00pm, Siddiq was taken to the Magistrate. On the way to the magistrate, the SI told Siddiq not to disclose the abuse or he would be tortured. The Magistrate ordered Siddiq remanded to judicial custody and he was taken to the Madikeri District Jail.

FFCode : KAR/MAN/PT/09 /07
 Victim(s) : 1) Ms. Shivamallu; 2) Ms. Shakila Banu;
 3) Ms. Dundamma; 3) Mahadevamma;
 4) Maruvayu; 5) Jayamma
 Perpetrator(s) : POs Mandya District
 Location : District Commissioner's Office,
 Mandya District
 Date of incident : 26/03/2007

Case Details:

On 26 March, 2007 at 10 am, the people of Mandya District and members of several organizations held a protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mandya. The protest was against a new unit system that limits the quota of 4 kilo grams of rice or cereals per family of 5 members, according to a State Government Order.

Ms. Shivamallu (38), Ms. Shakila Banu (30), Ms. Maruvayu (29), Ms. Mahadevamma, a social worker belonging to the Okliga caste, Ms. Jayamma (55), all residents of Banduro Village, Mandya Taluk, participated in the protest. Ms. Dundamma (60), a collie and resident of Hollivana Hobli, Chalapura Village, Mandya Taluk, also participated in the protest.



While the protesters were waiting for Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar to address the gathering, suddenly the police charged on the protestors. Some female constables held the above named protestors by the hair and beat them severely with lathis until they fell to their knees. While they lay on the floor, the PCs stamped on the protestor's stomachs with their boots. As a consequence, they sustained severe stomach injuries.

Santhosh Kumar, Sub Inspector of Mandya District, stated that the protestors had prevented the Deputy Commissioner's staff from leaving the office. Hence, the police were forced to take action against the crowd of protestors.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/44/07
Victim(s) : Srinivasappa
Perpetrator(s) : PO Chintamani Town PS
Location : Chintamani Town PS
Date of incident : 06/10/2007

Case Details:

Victim Srinivasappa worked as a porter in the Chintamani bus stand.

On 6 October 2007, a tractor had broken down in the middle of the road near the bus stand, causing a traffic jam. A Chintamani Town PS police officer beat the tractor driver and had asked him to move the tractor.

Srinivasappa attempted to assist the driver move the tractor. While Srinivasappa was helping, the Chintamani Town PS police officer beat Srinivasappa on his neck, back and hands with a baton for no reason. Srinivasappa sustained injuries on his hands and back.

FF Code : KAR/MAN/PT/38/07
Victim(s) : Subbashetty
Perpetrator(s) : Aruna, PC
Location : K R Pet
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Subbashetty belongs to the Madivala Caste. Panchayat elections were being held in the village, and a small quarrel broke out. After settling the issue, everyone returned home. As Subbashetty walked home, PC Aruna and some other policemen beat him with a lathi on his hand, hip and thigh. Subbashetty suffered an injured right hand and a fractured bone.

The POs took no action over this incident. However, later the Executive Magistrate came and consoled him and arranged for treatment. Subbashetty still has internal pains and swellings on his right hand and thighs.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/38/07
Victim(s) : Subhan
Perpetrator(s) : 1) Vishwanathiah, Jail SP,
Central Jail, Mysore;
2) Central Jail authorities
Location : Central Jail, Mysore
Date of incident : 07/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Subhan was imprisoned at the Central Jail in Mysore, where Vishwanathiah is the SP.

On 7 August 2007, some other prisoners began beating Subhan. The jail authorities joined in the beating, and they hit Subhan with batons.

FF Code : KAR/MYS/PT/63/07
Victim(s) : Subhan
Perpetrator(s) : Sreekanthaswamy, PC, Sargur PS
Location : Sargur PS
Date of incident : 24/10/2007

Case Details:

On 24 October 2007, victim Subhan went to Sargur PS to pick up his uncle's car, which had been involved in an accident.

At the Sargur PS, Subhan discovered Constable Sreekanthaswamy removing the car battery and taking other parts. When Subhan objected, Constable Sreekanthaswamy beat him with a baton.

Constable Sreekanthaswamy then fabricated a charge against Subhan that he had interfered with his police duties. Subhan was remanded under judicial custody.

FF Code : KAR/CHN/PT/60/07
Victim(s) : Thirupathi
Perpetrator(s) : Balakrishnaraju, Inspector,
Teranambi PS
Location : Teranambi PS
Date of incident : 22/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Thirupathi was a resident of Teranambi village. The village had 38 acres of land, cultivated by people of different castes. The Lingayats had objected to the Adivasis Karnataka castes working on the land. Maheswarappa (Lingayat caste) had verbally abused some Adivasis in public, while he was drunk. So the victim Thirupathi, along with community leaders, had taken him to the Panchayat.

On 22 August, 2007 Balakrishnaraju, Inspector of Teranambi PS, along with some other officers, took Thirupathi to the police station. There was no apparent reason for the police taking him into custody. While he was detained, Inspector Balakrishnaraju harassed Thirupathi and beat him with a lathi. Later he was produced before the court and released on bail.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/27/07
Victim(s) : 1) Munavar; 2) Waheed
Perpetrator(s) : Manjunath, Police, Crime
Branch PS
Location : Crime Branch PS, Kolar
Date of incident : 31/08/2007

Case Details:

On 31 October, 2007 at 11:30am Munavar was stopped near the clock tower by P.C. Manjunath of Crime Branch PS, Kolar. P.C. Manjunath was wearing civilian clothes at the time. He informed Munavar that the vehicle he was traveling in was stolen. A quarrel broke out between the two men and all of a sudden without any provocation P.C. Manjunath assaulted Munavar.

Waheed received news that his friend Munavar had been beaten and arrested by the police. Wanting to protect his friend, he went to question the police about their foul behaviour. Consequently, the police were annoyed and beat him with a lathi in public. As a result of the beating Waheed sustained injuries. The police then took him to the police station without providing him with any medical treatment. Later the police registered a case against him stating that he was involved in a clash at Kolar.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/31/07
Victim(s) : Vellanganni
Perpetrator(s) : Nagesh, SI, Andersonpt PS
Location : Andersonpet PS
Date of incident : 29/09/2007

Case Details:

Victim Velanganni lived in Andersonpet with her husband.

On 26 September 2007, Velanganni's relative and Andersonpt PS SI Nagesh came to her home inquiring as Deepa's whereabouts. SI Nagesh also inquired as to the whereabouts of Velanganni's husband. Velanganni informed Si Nagesh that her husband was out of town. Si Nagesh then verbally abused Velanganni and searched her house. Later, SI Nagesh beat Velanganni on her stomach and hands. PO Nagesh told Velanganni not to disclose his conduct to anyone or he would file a prostitution case against her.

FF Code : KAR/KOL/PT/21/07
Victim(s) : Venkataramanappa
Perpetrator(s) : Sathyanarayana Rao, SI
Location : Chintamani Rural PS
Date of incident : 17/07/2007

Case Details:

The victim Venkataramanappa owned some property in Gandraganahalli which was close to his neighbour Krishnappa Reddy's land. Both of them had an ongoing dispute. On 17 July 2007, Krishnappa attacked Venkataramanappa and his family members. Venkataramanappa lodged a complaint at Chimntamani Rural PS. The police asked Venkataramanappa to come to the PS.

When Venkataramanappa arrived at the PS, he saw Krishnappa's the family members. SI Sathyanarayana Rao punched, kicked, and verbally abused Venkataramanappa by his caste. The police refused accept his complaint and threatened to lock in jail.

On 30 July 2007, D.S.S leaders, Venkataramanappa and his relatives protested against the police behavior, but the police have taken no remedial measures.

FF Code	: KAR/MYS/PT/43/07
Victim(s)	: Venkatesh (a) Venkatesh Gowda
Perpetrator(s)	: Ratnaiah, Forest Range Officer other Officials
Location	: K.R. Nagar Jail
Date of incident	: 25/08/2007

Case Details:

Victim Venkatesh was a farmer who worked his family's land. Ratnaiah was often forced to pay bribes to Forest Range officers so that they would no encroach upon his land.

On 25 August 2007, Venkatesh witnessed the Forest Range officers beating another man. Venkatesh called the other villagers to the scene.

In response, the Forest Range officer beat Venkatesh and his brother. Venkatesh sustained injuries to his shoulders. He was later admitted to the hospital.

The day after the beatings, the Forest Range officers alleged a false charges against Venkatesh that he stolen some forest logs. Venkatesh was subsequently sent to K.R. Nagar Jail.

FF Code	: KAR/KOL/PT/40/07
Victim(s)	: Venkatesh Babu
Perpetrator(s)	: Nagesh, S.I, Champion Reef PS
Location	: Champion Reef PS
Date of incident	: 22/10/2007

Case Details:

The victim Venkatesh Babu was a leader of the village. Prior to the incident, two brothers Udhay and Sunil had a land dispute and they were taken to the police station. The parents of the boys had requested that Venkatesh Babu help them. Venkatesh Babu went to Champion Reef PS on 22 October, 2007 and asked S.I Nagesh to release both the boys. Angered at his request, S.I Nagesh grabbed Venkatesh Babu by the collar and beat with a lathi.

FF Code	: KAR/CHN/PT/28/07; KAR/CHN/PT/32/07
Victim(s)	: 1) Vibha Kappan; 2) Krishna
Perpetrator(s)	: 1) Aradya, ASI, Yalandur PS; 2) Police, Yalandur PS
Location	: Yalandur PS
Date of incident	: 13/05/2007

Case Details:

The victims Vibha Kappana and Krishna were both residents of Y.K. Mole village. Vibha Kappana worked as a daily labourer.

On 13 May, 2007 the villagers of M.K. Mole went to the weekly market. There was rumor that the villagers of Yelandur had gone to Y. K. Mole village with weapons. Believing the rumours, the police started a Lathi charge on the crowd present at the market. There was a stampede and Krishna and his father were beaten by the police. ASI Aradya, took Krishna to Yalandur PS. He beat Krishna brutally with a baton and kicked him with boot clad feet. The next day, Krishna was summoned before the court and then sent to Jail. Till date, he has not been released on bail.

Vibha was also present in the crowd at the market. He was beaten and taken to Yalsndur PS. Whilst at the police station, the officers beat him the whole night. The next day he was summoned before the court and then sent to Jail. Vibha has not yet been released on bail.

7- Police Rape(Violence Against Women)

FF Code	: KAR/HAV/PT/19/07
Victim(s)	: Manjula Lakkappa Doddamani
Perpetrator(s)	: Nazir Ahmed Imam Sab Neelagar, PC
Location	: Hubli, Haveri
Date of incident	: 18/08/2007

Case Details:

The victim Manjula left her village to go to Hubli when the railway department called for applications. On the way, she met Police Constable Neelagar at Haveri. The pair developed a friendship and he helped her reach home safely after completion of her work.

On 18 August 2007, Manjula met PC Neelagar for a second time. He offered her a cup of tea; after drinking the tea, Manjula lost consciousness. When she awoke she found herself lying in a room without proper clothes. Manjula later found out that she had been in a lodge for 24 hours.

Manjula and PC Neelagar were then taken to the police station, where he admitted fault. DNA evidence confirmed PC Neelagar's guilt. At the station, PC Neelagar beat Manjula with his shoe, injuring her right cheek, forehead, and temple. Manjula's complaint was accepted and the incident was publicized through the media and press. Dalit Sangharsha Samithi (DSS) worked with Manjula and filed a complaint on 23 August 2007. On 25 August 2007, a lady constable escorted Manjula to the General Hospital and released her.



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Special Report : The JSTF Cases

JSTF CASES: SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE KARNATAKA / TAMIL NADU JOINT SPECIAL TASK FORCE, 1993-2004

Background

In 1990, the Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu separately established police task forces to capture Veerappan, a forest brigand and smuggler operating in the border region between the two States. Three years later, following a series of bombings and a murderous attack by Veerappan's gang, the States pooled their resources and created a 2,000-officer strong Joint Special Task Force ("JSTF") with the same mandate – apprehending Veerappan – and with *de facto* limitless powers to enforce it.

Many of the villagers living in and around the border region, threatened by Veerappan's gang, were reluctant to cooperate with the police. Thus, between 1993 and 1996, JSTF personnel adopted a strategy of terrorising and intimidating these villagers to extract information and to punish persons considered to be Veerappan's sympathisers. The resultant human-rights abuses included fabricated encounters, disappearances, custodial rapes and deaths, torture by electric shocks, unlawful imprisonment and wilful deprivation of food and water – leaving many villagers physically and mentally traumatised.

The press highlighted these atrocities and abuses, and civil society began to push for a state response. However, the National Human Rights Commission ("NHRC") did nothing, despite its mandate for *suo moto* action and its role under s. 12(a) of the *Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993*.

In March 1999, after further lobbying by individuals and rights groups, the NHRC sent its Special Rapporteur, Shri Chaman Lal, to visit Mysore Central Jail, where many villagers had been detained under false or inflated charges filed by JSTF personnel. These charges – most under the *Terrorism and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act* ("TADA") – saw hundreds of persons imprisoned, some for several years with neither parole nor a trial date.

At the same time, groups sympathetic to the victims of JSTF abuses formed the Campaign for the Relief and Rehabilitation of *TADA* Detenues (the “Campaign”). Campaign members included:

1. the Society for Community Organisation Trust (SOCO Trust);
2. the Tribal Association of Tamil Nadu;
3. the People’s Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;
4. the South Indian Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM);
5. the Human Rights Cell of the Indian Social Institute; and
6. People’s Watch.

Individuals from these organisations visited villages in the border regions of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, and prepared affidavits on behalf of many who had been subjected to JSTF atrocities. The Campaign presented these affidavits to the NHRC, and – when the NHRC did not respond – to the Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission. Meanwhile, police officials intimidated and threatened Campaign members, and the JSTF categorically denied all allegations of abuse.

In June 1999, the NHRC finally formed a panel of enquiry, chaired by Justice A. Sadashiva, to investigate alleged human-rights violations. After a lethargic start and debates over its jurisdiction and procedures, the Sadashiva Commission began its work. In a series of sittings spanning four years, the Commission deposed 192 victims (out of a then-estimated 1000) and 28 JSTF officers, as well as doctors, jail authorities, and members of human-rights organisations. Thus, the horrifying extent of torture by JSTF personnel was revealed.

Meanwhile, following negotiations with Veerappan, the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu publicly promised on 25 August 2000 to pay Rs. 5 crore each as interim compensation to the victims of JSTF human-rights violations.

The Sadashiva Commission submitted its Report to the NHRC on 2 December 2003. The Commission acknowledged that torture had been perpetrated, but

declined to identify individual perpetrators. For twenty-two months, the NHRC did not respond.

On 18 October 2004, the JSTF claimed to have located and killed Veerappan; the exact circumstances of the alleged final encounter with Veerappan remain unclear. The State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu announced rewards and promotions for the JSTF personnel involved, despite the overwhelming number of alleged human-rights violations pending against these same officers.

Eventually taking action, the NHRC repeatedly asked the State Governments to respond to the Sadashiva Commission Report, but did little to enforce its requests. The two Governments did not react, despite lobbying by the Campaign, by other civil society actors, and by the victims themselves.

Finally, on 15 January 2007, the NHRC ordered the disbursement of Rs. 2 crore 80 lakh to those 89 victims whose tales of torture were accepted by the Sadashiva Commission as “credible.” The State Government of Karnataka has yet to respond fully; interested parties continue to press for full compliance.

Even where victims have received compensation, it has often been awarded at police stations, or in the presence of the very JSTF officers who perpetrated the human-rights abuses themselves. Some victims refused to accept the compensation in such circumstances. There have also been allegations that some JSTF officers have tried to appropriate victims’ compensation money.

Neither the State Government of Karnataka nor that of Tamil Nadu has made arrangements to hear from those hundreds of victims whose testimony was not collected by the Sadashiva Commission. Meanwhile, although the government withdrew all *TADA* charges, many villagers accused of having helped Veerappan still stand charged with offences under the *Indian Penal Code*, the *Arms Act*, and the *Explosives Act*, and have been denied procedural justice.

The physical and mental echoes of JSTF abuses resound in the villages where Veerappan was sought. The crusade against Veerappan cost Rs. 150 crore and

lasted eleven years – but the human cost is significantly higher and will endure much longer.

The twelve accounts of torture that follow are a representative selection from amongst the hundreds amassed by the Campaign through fact-finding missions to the villages in which the JSTF operated. Some, including members of the Sadashiva Commission itself, have questioned the reliability of such testimony – but the stories speak for themselves.

Further details are available on the NPPTI website at <http://pwtn.org/euptttn2008.htm/ptt affidavitsweb.zip>

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