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HC orders CB-CID probe into history-sheeter's death

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Madurai: The Madras high court on Saturday ordered CB-CID probe into the death of a history-sheeter, whose body was found in a pond at Kumbakonam in Thanjavur district recently. The court also ordered exhuming the body.

In her petition, K Valli, said that there were several cases against her elder son Silambarasan. On April 9 at around 10pm, her daughter-in-law noticed that Silambarasan was being chased by the police. When he attempted to escape from the police he fell inside a pond and drowned. The body was found only the next morning.

Claiming that her son could have been tortured in police custody, she moved the HC Madurai bench seeking CB-CID probe into his death.

Hearing the plea, justice G Ilangovan transferred the case which was registered by the Kumbakonam taluk police to the CB-CID. The judge directed that the body of Silambarasan shall be exhumed.

The judge directed the dean of Thanjavur Medical College to depute two experts to conduct re-postmortem and the process should be videographed. A copy of the re-postmortem report, videograph should be submitted to the registry of this court and also to the investigating officer of CB-CID.