

Finish probe into Avaniyapuram custodial death within three months: Madras HC

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After an advocate, Henri Tiphagne, wrote to the court claiming that the victim's family was threatened into withdrawing the case by the relatives of the policemen alleged to be responsible for the youth's death, the court initiated the suo motu proceedings. Tiphagne had also submitted audio conversations of the persons involved, in a sealed cover.

When the case came up for hearing on Monday, the court observed there was a delay in the investigation and directed the CB-CID to complete the probe by the end of January 2022.

Case pertains to death of 22-year-old man

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