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Chronology of Events in Angammal's Case (Police Torture) Usilampatti, Madurai

Date	Events
27.7.1998	◆ Mrs. Angammal, W/o. Guruvaiah of t. Krishnapuram, Usilampatti was taken into custody by the DSP of Usilampatti alleging that her husband Guruvaiah received stolen jewels from one Balu and Poochi and brought her to Usilampatti Police Station and then to Umachikulam Police Station.
28.7.1998	◆ Mr. M. Guruvaiah, the husband of Mrs. Angammal was taken into custody by Inspector Mahalingam and brought him to Usilampatti Police Station and then to Umachikulam Police Station.
28.7.1998 to 01.8.1998	◆ Mrs. Angammal and Gurivaiah tortured and molested by the police in various police stations around Madurai.
02.8.1998	◆ Mrs. Angammal and Guruvaiah were produced before the DSP, Usilampatti at Usilampatti by the Karuppayurani Police Station official in very bad condition. DSP refused to take him into his custody. So, the police admitted them in one Senthil Clinic at Usilampatti for treatment. Guruvaiah died in the clinic. The relatives of Guruvaiah agitated. RDO of Usilampatti enquired Angammal and directed the police officials to admit Angammal at Usilampatti GH and send Guruvaiah's body for post mortem. The police officials of Usilampatti Police Station registered Case in Cr. No. 529/98 U/s. 174 Cr.Pc and admitted them in Usilampatti Government Hospital.
03.8.1998	◆ PW-TN's fact finding team enquired Angammal about the incident. Post mortem on the body of Guruvaiah was conducted which revealed severe injuries on Guruvaiah. The RDO of Usilampatti sent his preliminary report to the District Collector of Madurai District at Madurai.
04.8.1998	◆ The District Collector of Madurai ordered the RDO of Usilampatti to conduct detailed enquiry under PSO 145.

03.8.1998 to 10.8.1998	◆ Treatment provided to Angammal at Usilampatti Government Hospital. The fact finding team of PW-TN daily visited Usilampatti Government Hospital and monitored the treatment provided to Angammal and gave a petition to RDO for treating the case as MLC case.
11.8.1998	◆ Fact finding team of PWTN requested the doctors of Usilampatti to send her for further treatment to Madurai since the police officials threatened Angammal and her relatives. Accordingly the doctors discharged her and referred to Madurai Government Hospital.
12.8.1998	◆ The fact finding team of PWTN admitted Angammal at Madurai Meenakshi Mission Hospital for further treatment.
17.8.1998	◆ The doctors of Meenakshi Mission Hospital discharged Angammal and she was brought to PWTN office. Complaints sent to SHRC, NHRC and personally met the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu at Madurai, along with Angammal and lodged a complaint to the Chief Minister.
18.8.1998	◆ PWTN filed a petition in CJM Court, to order for taking confession statement of Angammal.
18.8.1998 to 20.8.1998	◆ The RDO enquired the witnesses and Angammal about the incident and obtained detail statement from them and advised to bring other witnesses on 22.08.1998. PWTN assisted the witnesses in the enquiry.
21.8.1998	◆ Mrs. Angammal was taken to the Judicial Magistrate No. VII of Madurai for giving confession statement. Accordingly the J.M. recorded the statement of Angammal in Cr. M.P. No. 2641/1998.
22.8.1998 to 23.8.1998	◆ The RDO enquired the remaining witnesses and directed Angammal to come to Usilampatti Police Station for Identification Parade on 24.08.1998.
24.8.1998	◆ Angammal attended the identification parade at Usilampatti, Umachikulam and Karuppayurani Police Stations and identified the police officials those who were tortured her and her husband. ◆ On the same day there were two persons namely Baba @ Kannan and Chinnasamy surrendered themselves before the Sivagangai Judicial Magistrate stating that they murdered Guruvaiah in a quarrel. The Judicial Magistrate of Sivagangai remanded them and ordered to produce them on 08.9.1998 to the Judicial Magistrate, Usilampatti.
25.8.1998	◆ The RDO recorded the further statement of Angammal after the identification parade was over.

07.9.1998	◆ The RDO sent his detailed findings and report to the District Collector, Madurai.
08.9.1998	◆ The police produced the two persons who were surrendered in the JM Court of Sivagangai on 24.08.1998 to the JM of Usilampatti. PWTN objected stating that this was a tac-tic of the policemen. So, the JM of Usilampatti ordered the Inspector of Police and the RDO of Usilampatti to file their report about the surrendered persons within 14.9.1998.
14.9.1998	◆ The Inspector of Police and the RDO of Usilampatti appeared before the JM of Usilampatti stated that there was no occurrence was taken place as told by the surrendered persons. So, the JM of Usilampatti refused to remand them further and sent them free on the basis of the statement of the Inspector and the RDO of Usilampatti.
07.10.1998	◆ The District Collector sent request to the Secretary to the Government of Tamilnadu for launching prosecution against the police officials.
24.10.1998	◆ PWTN filed two writ petitions in Chennai High Court in WP. No. 17451/98 and C.P. 732/98 for compensation.
25.11.1998	◆ Angammal appeared in the State level conference against violence on women at Chennai and narrated the incident. The participants of the conference prepared a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu and sent.
29.11.1998	◆ The AICUF students sent memorandum to the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.
22.01.1999	◆ The Government of Tamilnadu has given Rs.1 lakh as compensation to Angammal.
23.02.1999	◆ The Government issued G.O.Ms No.200 for initiating prosecution and departmental action against erred police officials.
27.4.1999	◆ The Government paid Rs.1 lakh further to Angammal as per the direction of the High Court.
24.9.1999	◆ The RDO filed a criminal complaint against 9 police officials in the JM Court of Usilampatti as per the direction of the Government. The JM court taken the complaint in PRC. No. 43/99 on file and ordered to issue summons.
04.10.1999	◆ The DIG of Madurai initiated departmental action against 9 police officials.

21.10.1999	◆ The DIG of Madurai enquired the witnesses against the police officials in PR. Nos. 110, 122 and 126/99 and direct to bring other witnesses on 15.12.1999.
03.11.1999	◆ The High Court further directed the government to pay another sum of Rs.1 lakh to Angammal. PWTN requested the High Court to order the government to deposit the amount in long term fixed deposit since the relatives of Angammal shared the money which was already given to her by the government. Accordingly, the High Court ordered to deposit the amount in joint name of her sons and closed the writ petitions. Accordingly, the government deposited the amount in Tamilnadu Transport Corporation Bank, Madurai and the interest alone given to Angammal till date.
11.11.1999	◆ PWTN sent petitions through E mail to Amnesty International and other International Human Rights Institutions in around for pressurizing the Government of Tamilnadu.
15.12.99 to 06.3.2000	◆ The DIG of Madurai enquired the remaining witnesses and sent the report to the DGP of Chennai.
10.7.2001	◆ The JM of Usilampatti started inquiry of the witnesses in PRC. 43/99 and PWTN had to assist the prosecution continuously.
20.9.2001	◆ PWTN felt that the JM of Usilampatti adopted illegal procedure. So, we filed a writ petition in the High Court in WP. No. 20123/01 for transferring the case to District Human Rights Court, Madurai. Accordingly the High Court stayed the proceedings of the JM which are pending for disposal. PWTN continuously appeared in the Writ No. 20123/01.
18.12.2001	◆ W.P.No. 25791/2001 was filed on behalf Kasimayan-eye witness before High Court, Madras for offering suitable independent police protection and to take action against errant police personnal.
04.02.2003	◆ The High Court ordered the JM of Usilampatti to transfer the case to JM of Andipatti for continuing further proceedings.
04.02.2003	◆ PW-TN continuously assisted the prosecution in JM Court, Andipatti in PRC. No. 11/03 and safeguard the witnesses. Now the case is pending for examination of one Doctor since the doctor is on maternity leave.
06.06.2003	◆ PRC No. 11/2003 had been followed up in J.M. Court Andipatti.

17.02.2006	◆ After several adjournments for giving copies of documents to the accused and after giving copies of documents to the accused, witnesses were examined by the J.M. Andipatti the case was 1 st committed to the District Sessions Court, Theni and directed the accused to appear before the Sessions Court, Theni.
From 17.02.2006 to 27.07.2006	◆ After receiving the case after committal the case was numbered as SC 115/2006 on the file of Sessions Court, Theni. ◆ The case was being adjourned to from date to date awaiting case records from J.M. Andipatti. In the meantime petition to transfer the case to Session Court, Madurai filed before Sessions Court, Theni and ordered.
10.08.2006	◆ Entire case records were ordered to be transferred to Sessions Court, Madurai and ordered the accused to appear before the Sessions Court, Madurai on 05.09.2006.
29.08.2006	◆ Application U/RTI Act sent to P.I.O Public Department requesting to provide information regarding the result of departmental action initiated against the accused.
18.09.2006	◆ Reply received from Pro stating that our RTI Application had been transferred to the DIG, Southern Range for compliance.
16.11.2006	◆ Informations i.e., the details of result of departmental action had been received stating that punishment of cut in pension of Rs. 1000/- p.m imposed for a period of one year in respect of Mr. Thangapandian, DSP. In respect of 4 officials, orders are stated to be awaited and the Departmental action in respect of 8 police personal are stated to have been stayed by Hon. T.A.T.
21.11.2006	◆ The above matter was entrusted to Mr. A.Johnvincent, SLO for filing petition for party in pleading before TAT – OA No. 7012/1998.
16.04.2007	◆ After having received the case SC 115/2006 from Sessions Court, Theni, the Sessions Court, Madurai has renumbered the case as SC 129/2007 and made over to Fast Tract Court No. III, Madurai.
02.07.2007	◆ Petition to appoint Mr. Chinnaraja as Special Public Prosecutor and i. presented before the District Collector, Madurai in his chamber along with the victim Angammal. ii. Letter also sent to Home Secretary, T.N. Govt., requesting to appoint Mr. Chinnaraja as Special Public Prosecutor.
02.08.2007	◆ Application U/RTI Act sent to PA (G) to Collector/PIO reg. the action taken on that application for appointment of Special Public Prosecutor.

21.08.2007	◆ The petition in CrI. M.P. No. 158/2007 in this case which was filed by the accused Mahalingam and 8 others to discharge them from the charges was dismissed.
10.09.2007	◆ Against the above order, the accused preferred Revision to High Court and the same was numbered as CrI. RC. 661/2007 and stay petition filed was numbered as MP (MD) No. 1/2007.
03.01.2008	◆ Stay was granted in MP (MD) No. 1/2007 in CrI. RC NO. 661/2007 by High Court staying all further proceedings in SC 129/2007 of FTC-III, Madurai.
27.03.2008	◆ The main SC 129/2007 has been adjoined to 4/4/2008 for production of stay order.
30.04.2008	◆ Reminder was sent to PIO/ PA (G) to Collector sent to send the information regarding appoint of Special Public Prosecutor . On this date also We have filed impleading petition in CrI RC 661/2007 to implead Angammal as 2 nd respondent and numbered as MP (Md) 1/2008
31.10.2008	◆ Petition to vacate the stay granted on 03.01.2008 WP mP (MD) 1/2007 in CrI RC 661/2007 was filed.
09.07.2009	◆ Order passed in CrI. RC 661/2007 of MB of MHC dismissing the revision petition and confirming the L.C order, consequently the MPs including the stay petition and stay vacating petition were dismissed and the main SC 129/2007 adjourned to 07.09.2009.
From 07.09.2009 to 22.11.09	◆ The case 129/2007 FTC III, Madurai was adjoined for framing of charges.
23.11.2009	◆ Charges framed and the case became Rape for trial and adjourned to 26.04.2010.
From 23.11.09 to 19.10.10	◆ Case adjoined from date to date.
26.10.2010	◆ Order passed in WP No. 25791/2001 directing the petr/ Kasimayan to file a petition before trial in Sc 129/2007 of FTC III, Court Madurai if protection is necessary and also ordered the FTC III to dispose of the case on before 31.03.2011.

From 19.10.10 to 23.11.10	◆ The main sessions case was being adjourned from date to date.
24.11.2010	◆ Petition by A 3 and A4 (Sngalan and Gunabalan) filed before FTC NO. III Madurai in SC 129/2007 for impleading one DSP Mr. Thangapandian as an accused in this case and numbered as Crl.mP. NO. 253/2010 Main sessions case was adjoined to 08.12.10.
05.01.2011	◆ Crl, mP. No. 253/2010 was dismissed.
07.01.2011	◆ Then the accused A 3 and A4 had filed Crl. Rc 20/2011 before MB of MHC with stay petition to stay all further proceeding of main Sc and numbered as Crl Rc MP. 20/11 and the stay petition as 1/2011
18.01.2011	◆ Interim stay granted staying the trial of the main case.
04.02.2011	◆ Application under RTI Act, 2005 sent to the medical officer, Govt., Qrts Hospital for PMC of Mr. Guruviah and medical records of Ms. Angammal.
15.02.2011	◆ MP No. 2/11 filed to inplead Angammal and MP (Md) 3/11 to vacate the stay granted in MP 1/2011.
24.02.2011	◆ Angammal was impleaded as R 3 in Crl RC 20/11.
26.02.2011	◆ Main Rev. petition was dismissed, the stay was ordered to be vacated and the trial court was directed to dispose of the main Sessions case expeditiously giving utmost preference.
07.03.2011	◆ Joint Director, Public Health Department, Madurai at Usilampatti in his letter dt. 28.02.2011 had directed their Superintendent of Govt., Head Qrts Hospital, Usilampatti to send the documents to him.
31.03.2011	◆ Letter sent to the Superintendent of that Government Hospital to send us the document as directed by Join Director Public Health Department. Retained since reply received.
01.04.2011	◆ Medical Officer, GH Usilampatti in his letter dt. 30.03.2011 has informed that there is no entry in AR Register for having admitted into Hospital for the period from 03.08.2008 to 10.08.08 and also informed that there is no entry in AR register as to the dead body of Mr. Guruviah come to the hospital.
from 21.04.11 to 23.01.12	◆ The Main Sessions case was adjoined for fixing final date for trial

23.01.2012	◆ The Hon. FTC III Madurai heard both the sides and fixed the date for commencement of the case for trial to 06.02.2012 and 07.02.12.
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**Case of Angammal / Guruviah, custodial death and Rape.
SC NO. 129/2007 on the file of FTC III, Madurai.**

06.02.2012	◆ Case was opened and stated. P.W.I (Angammal) was examined in chief Ex. P1 to 4 and marked. and the case adjourned to 07.02.12.
07.02.2012	◆ PW 2 examined On petition PW 1 recalled and examined. EX P 6 & 7 marked. For further evidence- 08.02.2012.
08.02.2012	◆ PW 3 to PW 6 Exd in fill. Ex P 8 to P 12 Marked. For further evidence posted to 10.02.12
10.02.2012	◆ One witness present not examined and other witnesses not present. Call on 15.02.2012 for examination of further witnesses. The summons to witnessed B.O the witnesses present.
15.02.2012	◆ One witness present and Examined as PW 7 Ex P 13 Marked. Issue fresh summons to other witnesses. call on 21.02.12.
21.02.12	◆ PW 8 to Pw 10 examined. Exs P 14 to P 19 marked. For further evidence 23.02.12.
23.02.2012	◆ Petitions u/s 311 & 91 CrPc filed. Arguments on the petitions were heard. For orders call on 28.02.2012.
28.02.2012	◆ Advocate Boycotting the court. Case adjourn to 02.03.2012
02.03.2012	◆ CrmP 85/2012 -91 CrPc Petitions allowed. ◆ CrmP 84/2012 -311 CrPc petitions Suo Motto re-opened. For clarification call on 07.03.2012. ◆ CrmP 93/2012 filed today Notice & counts by 07.03.12. ◆ A1, A 5, A7 absent. Petition u/s 317 CrPc filed and allowed, others present. CrmP 85/12 allowed today. CrmP 84/12 is pending. call on 07.03.12
07.03.12	◆ Advocates Boy cotting courts. call on 08.03.12
08.03.12	◆ A1,A3,A5 & A7 absent. Petition u/s 317 CrPc filed and allowed. others present. CrMp 84/2012 and 93/2012 are allowed. Issue summons to witnesses and sent for documents by 13.03.2012.
13.03.2012	◆ A5 absent. 317 CrPc Petition filed & allowed others present. Issue fresh summons to witness and adjoined to 19.03.2012.

19.03.2012	◆ Accused present. PW8 recalled and examined cross examined. Other witnesses absent. PW 11 examined. Ex. P20 marked. Issued fresh summons to witnesses. Case adjourned to 22.03.2012.
22.03.2012	◆ A.!, 4 & 5 absent 317 Cr.P.C petition filed and allowed. Others present. P.W. 12 to 14 examined. Ex. P.21 to 28 marked. Issue fresh summons to witnesses. Case adjourned to 28.03.2012.
28.03.2012	◆ Accused resent Crl.M.P 135/2012 pending for counter and disposal call on 29.03.2012.
29.03.2012	◆ A6 absent 317 Cr.Pc petition filed and allowed. Others present. Crl.M.P.No. 135/2012 allowed. Issue summons to witnesses. Call on 02.04.2012.
02.04.2012	◆ A1 absent 317 Cr.Pc petition filed and allowed. Others present. P.W.11 recalled and examined. Issue summons to witnesses. Call on 09.04.2012.
09.04.2012	◆ A5 absent 317 Cr.Pc petition filed and allowed. Others present. P.W.15 examined Ex.P.29 to 40 marked. Prosecution evidence closed. For examination of accused u/s 313 Cr.P.C call on 16.04.2012.
16.04.2012	◆ Accused present and examined u/s 313 Cr.P.C. For examination for D.Ws call on 19.04.2012.
19.04.2012	◆ Accused present. No.D.Ws. Arguments heard. Call on 24.04.2012 for orders.
24.04.2012	◆ Accused present. Judgment pronounced. Accused are found not as charged. Accused are acquitted u/s 239 Cr.P.C.
2012	◆ Challenging order of the Acquittal of the Accused/Police officials we have preferred an Appeal before the Honorable Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in Crl.,R.C.No.494/2013 which was subsequently converted into C..207/2013 and during the month of June, 2016 this case was tentatively listed for hearing on 23.06.2016
23.06.2016	◆ When the Appeal taken up for hearing our Advocate Mr. Sudhakaran, Mr. Sathis, Mr. Karunanithi and Mr. A.Nagendran had represented the case before the Hon. Madurai Bench of Madras High Court and the case was adjourned to 11.07.2016 by issuing direction to the Dy. Supdt. of Police, Mr. Ramasamy one of the Respondent thro' the Superintendent of Police, Madurai District for his appearance on that date
11.07.2016	◆ Case adjourned to 08.09.2016

08.09.2016	◆ To-day our case in the list not reached for hearing.
20.09.2016	◆ Case listed today for hearing. Case taken up today for hearing and our Advocates Mr. Sudhakaran, Mr.Sathish, Mr. Karunanithi and Mr. A.Nagendran appeared Orders delivered today by dismissing the appeal by the Hon. Madurai Bench of Madras High Court.

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