

Fake driving licence scam: 4 arrested

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Conducting sex determination tests on pregnant women has landed two doctors in Haryana behind bars.

TRICHY: The Trichy police on Thursday arrested four persons allegedly involved in creating counterfeit driving licences in the city after a Thiruvaiyaru-based man lodged a complaint.

The Fort police arrested Siva alias Sivakumar, Subramanian, Mathivanan and Rajalingam, all resident of Trichy city, and seized 10 fake heavy motor vehicle licenses, laptops, a printer, a pen drive and an iron box used for making the documents from a house in Sanjeevi Nagar in Trichy.

The illegal activity came to light after Shakespeare from Thiruvaiyaru lodged a complaint with the Fort police alleging that the gang cheated him by issuing him a fake heavy motor vehicle license. The authenticity of the license was revealed when Shakespeare approached an insurance company for a claim.

Shakespeare had met with an accident and the vehicle got damaged a few months back. In order to claim for the damage from the insurance company, he submitted all the relevant documents including the driving license. The insurance company officials singled out the fake license and rejected his application.

The revelation made him realise that he was taken for a ride. He took up the matter with the Fort police station since he had bought the license from one of the persons staying in the area. The police investigation shed more light on the issue.

One of the gang members had approached Shakespeare after the regional transport office (RTO) Trichy-East, rejected his application for heavy motor vehicle license citing his educational qualification. The person promised to get an original license using his influence. Believing his words, Shakespeare paid 12,000 for the process. The license was delivered within a few days.

"The complainant claimed that he was not aware of the genuineness of the license until the insurance company pointed it out to him. Our investigation revealed that the gang could have issued 50 such licences to various people. We have seized 10 such documents till now.

The investigation is still on," said inspector of police, Gandhi Market police R Nanjil Kumar. He also said that they did not find the role of any officials from the RTO in the incident.

The gang had even pasted the original hologram on the licence to make it look authentic, police sources said. "The iron box seized from the house was used for taking the original hologram off the original expired license and applying it on the fake one," an officer told TOI.

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