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Assaulter held after social media post

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Bansdroni: A video footage posted on Facebook showing a woman pushing and dragging her elderly mother-in-law by her hair caught the attention of police and led to the arrest of the accused.

The youth who posted the video had mentioned in his Facebook profile that he was a student of Dinabandhu Andrews College in Garia. So, Lalbazar activated the police stations in Garia and adjoining areas such as Patuli and Bansdroni.

"We learnt that the video had been forwarded by at least 27 persons before it reached the student," an officer said.

The cops zeroed in on a resident of Bansdroni who they suspect had captured the incident on his cellphone. The person, a neighbour of the accused, however, denied having recorded the assault.

The daughter-in-law, Sapna Pal, 40, and her mother-in-law Yashoda Pal, 68, were in the house when the police landed up.

"The accused said the dispute was over plucking flowers in the morning. We have started a suo motu case and booked the daughter-in-law under IPC sections related to voluntarily causing hurt and wrongful restraint," the officer said.

This was the second case in a few weeks in which a Facebook post led to the arrest of an accused. Earlier, a young woman had posted a video showing an elderly man making lewd gestures at her on a bus.

Taking cognisance of the post, which mentioned the registration number of the bus and the route on which it was plying, the cops tracked down the accused.

The man was arrested within a few hours of the woman posting the video.

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Enclosed is the news item appearing in the 'Telegraph' an English daily dated 31. 05. 2018, captioned " Assaulter held after social media post'"

Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Suburban Division is directed to furnish a status report of investigation regarding suo motu case started by the Police. Such report be submitted by 10th July, 2018.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

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Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and uploaded in the website.

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Orders as above.
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