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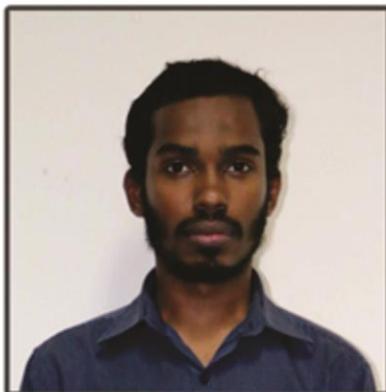
PRESS STATEMENT

Subject: Further information on the investigation of Mr. Yameen Rasheed's homicide

Maldives Police Service would like to provide the following information to the public regarding the investigation into the homicide of Mr. Yameen Rasheed (Chambeyleege/ S. Feydhoo).

As previously informed Maldives Police Service has made substantial progress in the investigation and has detained 7 suspected persons who have taken part in conducting this heinous crime. Among the suspects, Mr. Ismail Rasheed (Age 25/ Address: M. Thaif, K. Male'), Mr. Ismail Haisham Rasheed (Age 21/ H. Annaarumaage, K. Male') and Mr. Ahmed Zihan Ismail (Age 22/ M. Iraasmikuge, K. Male') have been identified as the prime suspects who undertook this act of crime.

Mr. Ismail Rasheed is a known individual with a criminal background of gang violence and Mr. Ismail Haisham Rasheed is a convicted criminal who has served a prison sentence for being proven guilty for a robbery using a weapon to intimidate his victims.



Ahmed Zihan Ismail
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Ismail Haisham Rasheed
K.Male', H.Annaarumaage



Ismail Rasheed
K.Male', M.Thaiif

The investigation team formed to investigate the homicide of Mr. Yameen Rasheed has been fervently gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses and locating persons of interests and suspects since day one. During the investigation, police investigators have analyzed more than 1850 hours of CCTV footage from cameras all over Male' city and has also analyzed over 40,000 photographs of individuals between the ages of 20 and 40 to locate individuals involved in this crime. Further, Maldives Police Service has also sought the advice of foreign and local experts and had acquired the assistance of various local government agencies and databases to scrutinize information as part of the investigation. The investigation team has also identified the suspects behind the planning and execution of the attack and is pursuing further investigation.

Additionally, we regret to inform the public that the police have faced various hurdles in the progress of the investigation of this murder which includes individuals without any connections to the investigation spreading misleading information in the local and social media. Further, Maldives Police Service has had to counter massive interferences in the investigation process by lawyers and other parties resulting in a lawyer being brought into police custody for obstruction.

Despite the said difficulties, Maldives Police Service has never faltered in its efforts to utilize all available resources to find all culprits of this crime and to enforce justice for Mr. Yameen Rasheed and his family. By the grace of Allah (swt), all suspects in connection to this murder have been identified with substantial evidence for prosecution. Maldives Police Service is currently coordinating with the Prosecutor General's Office to forward the case for prosecution and to start judicial proceedings in the coming days.

Maldives Police Services wishes to reiterate its deepest commitment to ensure the peace in the nation and working to secure justice for all citizens and guests in the Maldives. We shall remain vigilant in fulfilling our duty to protect and serve this country and will continue our efforts without responding to baseless rumors, criticism or reprove. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the public for their kind cooperation and continued assistance to the Maldives Police Service.

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