



Mohammed Shiyam (35), of 42nd Lane, Wellawatte, was a millionaire businessman and the owner of a footwear factory at Saranankara Road, Dehiwala

May 22, 2013

Shiyam's trusted friend Fouzdeen visits his residence in the afternoon, and the duo go to the Kirulapone mosque, the shoe factory and the Wellawatte mosque. They take dinner at a restaurant. Just as they finished dinner, Fouzdeen receives a call.

Ending the call, Fouzdeen suggests the two go to meet one Koralage to cut a deal on a wrist-watch worth over Rs. 2 million. They reach Kandewatta, Nugegoda and Fouzdeen suggests they get off the car and get into a double cab parked nearby.

As they reached the cab, Fouzdeen violently pushes Shyam into the cab. The people inside pull him into to the cab and the cab sets off.

Fouzdeen abandones Shyam's car and returns home in the night.



A CCTV camera operating at a nearby residence records the abduction drama

Graphic by Wasantha Siriwardena

Shiyam's family members concerned he has not returned home, calls Fouzdeen. He drives to Shiyam's residence to console the nervous relatives and proposes that they lodge a police complaint.

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The family make a complaint at the Bambalapitiya Police. Meanwhile, Mirihana police find Shiyam's abandoned car in Kandawatte area.

They spot the CCTV camera and obtain the footage from the owner of the house and identify Fousdeen among the abductors.

When questioned, Fousdeen confesses that he contracted Krishantha Koralage alias Chutte to murder Shyam.

He discloses that the two met DIG Vass Gunawardena at the latter's residence and the trio planned the abduction and the murder.

For his role, DIG Vass Gunawardena was promised Rs 10 million



May 24, 2013



An unidentified naked body with gunshot injuries dumped in a shrub finds at Henegama in Dompe.

Shyam's brother identifies his body in the Gampaha hospital.

June 10, 2013

Police arrest Fowsdeen and Koralage, who reveals the inner details of the plot. They confide that Shyam was abducted and killed by four policemen under the instruction of DIG Vass Gunawardena.

June 10, 2013

Arrest of DIG Vass Gunawardena