Press Release

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ED filed Prosecution complaint in "Digital Arrest" Cyber Fraud Case

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ahmedabad Zonal Office, has filed a Prosecution Complaint before the Hon'ble Special PMLA Court, Ahmedabad, in the case involving "Digital Arrest".

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of multiple FIRs lodged by Cyber Crime Police, Ahmedabad and Mumbai, wherein two elderly victims were cheated of Rs. 1.15 Crore and Rs. 1.80 Crore by fraudsters posing as CBI and Police officers. The victims were threatened with false arrest and forced to transfer money to mule bank accounts of M/s Quality Fruit Traders and M/s Shivam Charitable Trust.

ED Investigation has revealed that the proceeds were immediately layered through more than 50 mule accounts and withdrawn in cash at various places in India and Dubai in small amounts. These accounts are linked to 396 pending cybercrime complaints on the I4C portal, confirming their extensive use in illegal activities across India.

The cyber crime funds were laundered through cash withdrawals, which was further utilized in Angadiya channels, and sourcing cryptocurrency to make the money trail harder to follow. A crucial part of the laundering operation involved the use of a credit card for making payments for various insurance policies. During the investigation has revealed that Rs. 30 Lakh was routed to a credit card endorsed by insurance agent. The credit card was issued in the name of a third person but operated by other person. The funds received were immediately used to pay premiums for third-party insurance policies, effectively integrating the illicit funds into the legitimate financial system.

ED has already attached a flat in Surat value equivalent of Rs. 30 Lakh and 03 Fixed Deposits worth Rs. 8 Lakh belonging to the accused persons. This case exemplifies a sophisticated modus operandi that combines cybercrime, mule accounts, credit card fraud, cash withdrawals, and cryptocurrency to conceal and integrate Proceeds of Crime.

Rs. 2.95 Cr defrauded from 2 elderly victims	**30+** mule accounts used to layer the money	**396** cybercrime complaints linked on I4C portal	**Rs. 38 L** assets already attached by ED

Further investigation is under progress.