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CD case: Key suspect releases video, claims innocence

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Even as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) is on the lookout for the suspects in the Ramesh Jarkiholi CD case, Naresh Gowda, the prime suspect, released a video claiming that he had nothing to do with the case and there was a conspiracy to implicate him.

In the video Gowda claimed that he knew the woman in the CD as she had approached him stating that she had been cheated by the former Minister and sought help.

"I told her to get evidence and we have had a few conversations. This does not mean that I plotted anything," he said. Gowda said he

would appear before SIT in the next few days.

"The police are treating the people who helped the woman as criminals and harassing them and their families, instead of investigating the allegations against Ramesh Jarkiholi," he said. The police instead of helping the woman were treating her as an accused, he charged.

Meanwhile, social activist Bhimappa Gundappa Gadada filed a petition with the Cubbon Park police seeking action against Ramesh Jarkiholi. He sought to know why no action had been taken based on the woman's statement.

Earlier, SIT officials searched the house of the woman and a house in Basa-

veshwaranagar where the prime suspect was staying. Sources in SIT said they had found cash, SIM card, electronic gadgets and some other things from her house.

Upon searching the house of the prime suspect, the officials found a laptop, a pen drive and receipt of gold purchased. The officials are now looking into his source of income from which he could buy gold and also organise his daughter's naming ceremony in a grand manner, the sources said.

The SIT team, which was in contact with the Belagavi police and the family members of the woman after they lodged a case of abduction, has taken up the investigation in that case too.