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Childhood friend tries to knife Hebbal MLA

Byrathi Suresh says
he's shocked, but
not surprised
mother

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A childhood friend allegedly tried to stab Hebbal MLA Byrathi Suresh shortly after the latter left his house and got into his car on Friday.

Riding a two-wheeler, the attacker quickly overtook the Congress legislator's car, made a U-turn and crashed into the automobile head-on just a few metres away from the MLA's residence in Byrathi, Northeast Bengaluru,



Byrathi Suresh



Shivakumar

ru, around 12.15 pm. As the perplexed MLA got out of the car, the rider suddenly pulled out a knife and tried to stab him. But the MLA's gunman Satyanarayana, chauffeur Manjunath and members of the public overpowered the motorcyclist and called the police. The legislator didn't sustain any injuries.

The Kothanur police later

arrested the man, identified as 35-year-old Shivakumar alias Shivu, a carpenter from Byrathi.

Bhimashankar S Guled, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast), said the attacker had been booked for attempted murder. "We are investigating why he wanted to attack the MLA," the officer said. "A preliminary investiga-

tion shows he had been tailing Suresh on a motorbike for the past few days." The MLA said he knew the man's family very well as they were from Byrathi. He said he had known the attacker since childhood and had hired him for carpentry at his new house a few years ago.

Suresh claimed that he had given Rs 2 lakh to Shivakumar's mother after she sought his help for house construction. Shivakumar's father worked in theatre. Shivakumar has an elder and a younger brother who were on "good terms" with him, Suresh said. "I am still in shock that he tried to attack me. I don't know why he did that," Suresh said.

The MLA appealed against ascribing political motives to the attack and called for the police investigation to dig out the truth.