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Press Release

**In a Major Breakthrough 'Imposter' Posing As a BSES Official Arrested
Second Imposter Arrest in About Six Months**

- **Imposter was operating in Greater Kailash. Similar case was reported from Krishna Nagar (East Delhi) last year**
- **Consumers are advised to ask for the Identity Card of officials, claiming to be from BSES**
- **Consumers are advised to inform BSES / Police if they notice anything suspicious**
 - o *BRPL (South and West Delhi) 262 73311 /19123 / 39999707*
 - o *BYPL (East and Central Delhi) 8010930719 /41999808*

New Delhi: In a major breakthrough, a gang of impostors has been busted in South Delhi and its leader arrested. The gang was trying to extort money, and almost succeed in doing so, from an affluent Greater Kailash resident by masquerading as BSES 'enforcement' officials. He was trying to extort Rs 30,000 from a GK resident. In a similar case, an imposter was arrested in Krishna Nagar (East Delhi) last year.

The Incident

Three persons, posing as BSES 'enforcement' officials approached a Greater Kailash II resident and owner (Name withheld on request) of an under construction house in the area's posh S Block. They almost managed to convince the resident that he was 'misusing' the electricity connection and will have to pay a penalty of Rs 1, 25,000. When the consumer was seemingly convinced, the gang offered to 'settle' the amount for Rs 30,000.

To further convince the consumer of their credentials, the rendezvous point was fixed at the Andrewz Gang bus-stop, which is close to BSES' enforcement office. Finding something amiss, the consumer spoke to his business-partner and subsequently, informed BSES, who clarified that these people are 'impostors'.

Wanting to nab the gang red-handed, a team of senior BSES officials with help of the consumer set-up an elaborate trap. As pre-decided, the consumer met the 'official' and paid him Rs 30,000. Before he could get-way, he (Ravi Kumar, resident of Budh Vihar) was nabbed by the consumer, BSES officials and Police personnel. In the ensuing mêlée, impostor's two accomplices (Nishant, and Shakeel, residents of Sangam Vihar) , who were on a bike, managed to flee. A FIR no 106 under sections 419/384/34 of the IPC has been registered at the Defence

Colony Police Station. Efforts are underway by the Police to nab the absconding duo, whose identities have been established.

Crackdown on impostors

BSES discoms have further intensified their crackdown against 'impostors'. In the last 3-4 years, over 30 of these 'impostors' have been apprehended and most of them arrested.

With their ingenious methods, gangs of 'impostors' target unsuspecting people. These breakthrough have come on the back of a well-coordinated operations, involving the residents, smart sleuthing by BSES' Vigilance Teams and the Delhi Police.

Advisory

"We have been routinely urging our consumers to be wary of such unscrupulous elements. We once again appeal to our consumers not to get intimidated or induced by threats and/or false assurances of the 'impostors' and not give them any money – whatever be the reason. All Enforcement (fines and penalties) and Commercial payments are to be made only at designated BSES offices" **advised BSES spokesperson.**

Consumers are advised to ascertain and verify the identity of persons, claiming to be from BSES, who visit their premises. We request consumers to ask for their Identity Cards and look for the following to ascertain its genuineness:

- (i) BSES Logo
- (ii) BSES Hologram
- (iii) Date of Issue
- (iv) Validity
- (v) Photograph
- (vi) Signature of authorized signatory
- (vii) Signature of employee
- (viii) Employee Number / I Card Number (ix) Name / Logo / Address of the Contractor and (x) Lamination.

If consumers have any doubt or notice anything suspicious, they should immediately alert the nearest BSES office or call 262 73311 / 39999707 for BRPL and 8010930719 / 41999808 for BYPL or inform the local Police on # 100.



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