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Kidnapped by her parents?

Aspiring actor, embroiled in filmi marriage drama, says he is unable to get wife back from her family

Yogesh Sadhwani

Aman Koiri (26), a television and film actor, says his wife Jigna Thakkar (21) was whisked away by her own parents after he was beaten unconscious by hired goons. Armed with the marriage certificate, Koiri has made many attempts in the last two months to reunite with her but in vain.

While police officials who tried to 'extricate' Thakkar from her parents' house say that she refused to come back, Koiri says she has been threatened with her life and his if she does. "She calls and tells me she wants to be with me. But I am unable to do anything," he says.

Koiri, who has acted in a few television soaps and a yet-to-be released film called *Kasam Pyar Ki*, says they got married at the Arya Samaj in Mulund on August 18 this year. "We did not inform her parents as they would definitely have opposed the marriage. My father was also against it as she is from a Gujarati family and we are from North India," he says. However, he informed his father and sister about it on the day they tied the knot.

After the marriage, the couple decided to stay apart till the Ganapati festival was over, said Koiri who lives at Yashodan Nagar, Thane. Jigna went back to her house so that her parents would not have to face any embarrassment during the festival.

On September 13, the two moved in together. "I had decided I would move out of my father's house once Jigna came to stay with me. But as I hadn't rented a place till then, I brought her to my father's place. I had told him I would leave in a couple of days after I had found a house," says Koiri.

On the same day, Thakkar called her parents and told them about the marriage.

"A few hours later, her father called to say that Jigna's mother was seriously ill and had been admitted to a hospital. He pleaded with her to visit her mother," says Koiri. But sensing that something was amiss Jigna refused to go, says Koiri.

"The calls continued through the night and even Jigna's brother spoke to me. I got carried away and persuaded Jigna to meet her mother. She agreed to go on the condition that they would meet at a restaurant and not at her parents' house," says Koiri. The next day, the couple went to Aditya Hotel in Bhandup along with a lawyer. "Initially, Jigna's parents were nice to us. But then they started insisting that

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Aman Koiri and Jigna Thakkar at their wedding in August this year

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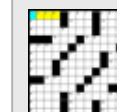
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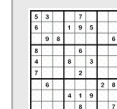
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she go back with them. When I protested two goons came in and beat me up unconscious. The family dragged Jigna away," says Koiri.

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Koiri has a marriage certificate but no wife

When Koiri came back to his senses he started driving towards Jigna's house but stopped after a call from his lawyer. "My lawyer said the police was at the restaurant and they would help me get her back," says Koiri. He narrated the story to the police, who registered a non-cognisable offence against Thakkar's parents and sent two constables with Koiri to her house.

"Jigna wanted to come with me but her parents threatened her in front of the cops. The cops said they would try again the next day," says Koiri. But she was not home the next day, he says.

Koiri was shocked with the next twist in his love-tale. "On September 20, she came to the police station and told the police she didn't want to be with me any more," says Koiri. But in a matter of days he received a call from her. "She told me her parents had threatened to kill not only her but also me," says Koiri.

When Mumbai Mirror contacted Kishore Thakkar, Jigna's father, he refused to talk because there were relatives at his house. Sub-inspector Sadanand Longte of Bhandup police station, who investigated the case, could not be contacted as he was on sick leave. Other officials said they couldn't do much as the girl had refused to go to Koiri.

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