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Wife slept with dead body for 30 minutes

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Police inspector Y L Jadhav of Deonar police station

It was the perfect murder — a devoted wife, a helpful neighbour (she called him bhau) and an unsuspecting husband. In fact, the case was going to be closed.

But an alert cop, saw through the 'grieving widow' act and finally, after 10 hours of interrogation, arrested the wife and her lover for murder. This is their story.

For two days, Pramod Gawli (24) and his lover, Ashwini Sakpal (20), plotted and planned. Then on the midnight hour of May 3, Pramod strangled Ashwini's husband, Ganesh, and killed him. A worried, Ashwini, ensured that Ganesh was dead by yanking the dupatta even tighter around his neck.

The task was done easily enough. A few hours earlier, Ashwini, a nurse, added sleeping pills to her unsuspecting husband's dinner. The potent dose put him to sleep quickly, and all the lovers had to do, was tie the dupatta around his neck and pull.

Ashwini removed the dupatta from around Ganesh's neck and slept next to his dead body for over half an hour, before calling out to her neighbours.

Ironically, Ganesh and Ashwini defied their parents and wed a year ago. But within a year, Ashwini realised she did not love Ganesh as he did not have a job and was living off her income.

Ashwini fell in love with Pramod who lived in the opposite hutment. Gawli too, was not happy with his marriage and wanted out. They hatched a plan to remove the first obstacle — eliminate Ganesh. The police believe they intended to murder Pramod's wife, later.

The incident

On May 3, after the murder, Ashwini told her neighbours that her husband wasn't breathing. She called out to Pramod (whom she called Bhau) to help her rush Ganesh to Shatabdi Hospital in Govandi. She told everyone that as she was a nurse, she thought her husband might have died of a heart attack. Ganesh was declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

The doctors at the hospital, however, suspected something amiss as they had noticed ligature marks and advised post-mortem, which revealed that Ganesh was strangled. The police grilled Ashwini for 10 hours and she spilled the beans, said police inspector Y L Jadhav, of Deonar police station.

Unusually quiet

"Ashwini was unusually calm after her husband's death. For over a week, after the incident, she played the role of a perfect widow, wailing and crying, but immediately after her husband's death, she was completely calm. That raised our suspicions," said Jadhav.

Ashwini even tried to tell the police that her husband had actually committed suicide and that she removed his corpse from the ceiling before calling her neighbours.

But this did not convince the police either, as she weighed only 40 kilos, while her husband, at 80 kilos, was too heavy for her to carry. Both Ashwini Sakpal and Pramod Gawli have been arrested and booked under section 302.

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