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## Jarkiholi files complaint, woman seeks protection in video appeal

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OVER a week after he resigned from Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's Cabinet following an alleged sleaze CD controversy, BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi on Saturday filed a complaint against "unknown persons" for defaming him. Based on Jarkiholi's complaint, a First Information Report (FIR) was registered for "putting a person in fear of injury, for extortion and forgery".  
A police officer said former MLA Nagaraju, a confidant of

Jarkiholi, registered the complaint on behalf of the former minister. Jarkiholi had sent a one-page complaint, signed by him, through Nagaraju. In his complaint, Jarkiholi alleged that a political conspiracy was hatched against him since three months and some people had made a fake CD to extort money from him, shared it with an activist, and it was also uploaded on social media. It is an act of blackmail, defamation, extortion and forgery, he alleged.

However, in a twist to the case, the woman in the purported video, released a statement hours after the FIR was registered. In her 34-second video statement to a private news channel, she claimed that she is not responsible for leak of the CD and she is innocent. "I request Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai to give protection to me and my family. I have no idea how the video was made and released," she claimed. PS

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SHE further said, "I have been defamed after the video footage went viral. People are approaching my parents at my hometown and questioning them about the incident. Upset over this, my parents tried to kill themselves twice, while I attempted to kill myself at least four times. I have been humiliated on all news channels and social media. Nobody is with us and we don't have any political support. Ramesh Jarkiholi, who promised me a job, did all those things and got the video released," she alleged.

"I do not have any political backing or protection," she said and requested for protection. However, in her video, she did not give out her location.

Jarkiholi, in his complaint, has not mentioned any names, but has demanded a thorough probe.

Later, speaking to reporters in the city, Jarkiholi said, "As per legal advice, I have not mentioned the names of people who are directly involved. This is the beginning and I am going to fight the case till it is taken to a logical end."