

# Aadhaar copy helps trace J'khand man, held for ₹18L theft

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**Mumbai:** A Jharkhand man was arrested for theft of Rs 18.23 lakh committed at his employer's house in Santacruz. The accused, Jitendraprasad Mahato, was traced with the help of his Aadhaar card photocopy that his employer had managed to get from him before he had started working for him.

The cops have turned down Mahato's claim of burgling his employer's house as he had not got his salary.

Mahato committed the theft when his employer Naresh Kadnani, a businessman, was away for work while his family stepped out on July 23. Within 80 hours, the police managed to nab the accused and recovered a major part of the stolen booty. "Mahato burgled the house hardly seven days after he joined as a domestic help at Kadnani's Santacruz flat. He made away with cash, gold and silver ornaments, diamond studded watches, shirts and perfumes," said a cop.

The theft was observed when Kadnani returned home and found Mahato missing. In the complaint, Kadnani said, "I employed Mahato only a week ago after he left the job six months ago claiming that he was going back to his hometown. He opened the cupboard and stole shirts, perfumes and whatever valuables he could lay his hands on, which he stuffed in a suitcase and fled."

Based on the complaint, deputy commissioner of police (zone IX) Paramjit Singh Dahiya formed a team and first got details of Mahato's brother residing in Santacruz. "Through Mahato's brother it was learnt that he had met him before he left the city. Mahato told his brother that he was going to Jharkhand as his son was unwell. He was nabbed on July 26," said the police.