

Andhra student robbed and shot dead

Dallas, TX: Arun Kumar Narote, 26, an MS student at Stratford University, VA, was shot dead at a grocery store in Bridgeport, CT, on July 12. Arun Kumar, was a native of Hyderabad.

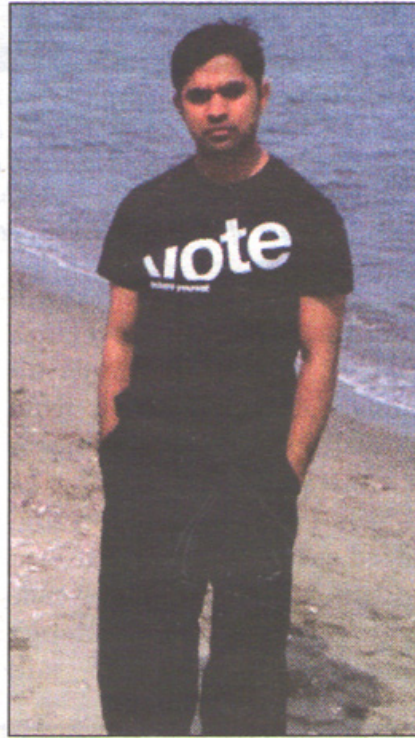
According to preliminary police reports, on July 12 around 9:30 p.m., two masked men walked into "Norman Grocery Store" in Bridgeport, CT, where Arun Kumar was working as a store clerk, robbed him of the cash and shot him in the head though there was no resistance from him. Police are still investigating the case.

Arun Kumar is survived by parents — Dhondiba Rao, a retired teacher, mother Sakhuntala — and elder brothers Avinash, Amar and an elder sister. The whole family of Arun Kumar, who lives in Karwan area in Hyderabad, was in deep shock after hearing this sad news, called Prasad Thotakura, TANA executive vice president and requested TANA to help send the body to Hyderabad as soon as possible.

Mohan Nannapaneni, TANA secretary, Rao Yalamanchili, president of Telugu Associ-

ation of Connecticut, Revanh and Karthik friends of Arun Kumar, and scores of TANA Team Square volunteers were helping in this case.

Arun Kumar joined MS (Software Engineering) in Stratford University after



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graduating with B.Tech from Indra Reddy Memorial Engineering College in Hyderabad. Arun is supposed to graduate with MS in couple of months. He lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut, who

attended Stratford University in weekends. He had been working part-time job in Cambridge, CT, to support his education.

"This is a very unfortunate incident. Though Arun Kumar was working from a bullet-proof cabin, one of the thieves jumped into the cabin through a gap, robbed him of the cash and shot him in the head though he was not resisting and was willing to give away the whole cash register. We can understand the financial stress that these students face to support their education and living expenses, but certainly these types of places to be avoided and shouldn't put their lives at risk," said Prasad Thotakura, who is working with the Cambridge Police Department, the Indian Consulate and the Funeral Home to expedite the process of sending the body to India.

Jayaram Komati, TANA president, expressed his deepest condolences on behalf of TANA to the Narote family and appreciated TANA Team Square volunteers for their immediate action to help the family.