

# Little Riya Was A Dreamer, Dancer & Singer

# Indian Named UN Controller



BRAMPTON: An 11-year-old girl allegedly killed by her father in southern Ontario was a dreamer, a dancer and a singer who “always saw the good in every situation.”

About 100 mourners gathered to listen to speeches, poems and songs as the community remembered Riya Rajkumar in Brampton on Tuesday night.

“My daughter Riya was taken from me too early,” Priya Ramdin, who did not attend the vigil, said in a statement read by Peel police Deputy Chief Chris McCord. “She never liked to be negative and always saw the good in every situation. If I’m ever upset, she would say ‘Mama, don’t be sad, look at the positives.’”

The day Riya died \_ Valentine’s Day \_ was also her and her mother’s birthdays. “Early that day, we went to do our nails and her choice of colour was red,” Ram-

din said. “She was so excited for her birthday, looking forward to having dinner later that evening. Never did I think that my daughter would not return back to me.”

Riya became the subject of an Amber Alert late Thursday night after police say her mother allegedly received information that her father planned to hurt both the child and himself. Police later broke down the door to her father’s home in Brampton, where Riya was found dead.

Roopesh Rajkumar, 41, was arrested some 130 kilometres away and was hospitalized with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was charged with first-degree murder, but died of his injuries on Wednesday in hospital.

“Riya was a dreamer,” her mother said. “She wanted to become a doctor, drive a Lamborghini and one day own a mansion.” Ramdin described her



daughter as her best friend and a social butterfly who loved to spend time with her family and friends. “She was a little princess who loved dressing up, having her hair curled and done up,” Ramdin said.

“She touched a lot of lives with her laughter and contagious big smile. It breaks my heart to know

I will no longer be seeing that smile, hearing her voice and never having her in my arms again.”

Several politicians attended the vigil, including the mayor of Mississauga, Ont., where Riya lived with her mother and went to school.

“Let this tragedy serve as a stark reminder that as a society, we can and we must do better to protect our women and our young girls from violence,” Mayor Bonnie Crombie said.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown tweeted from India: “Proud of my wife Genevieve for speaking eloquently on my behalf tonight at the candlelight vigil held at #GardenSquare in #Brampton for 11-year old #RiyaRajkumar #RememberingRiya. Thanks also to @RoweSantos & @NWBRamton for their hard work behind this heart breaking vigil..”

UNITED NATIONS: Chandramouli Ramanathan has been appointed as the world body’s controller by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters: “Chandramouli brings to the position nearly 40 years of executive international experience in diverse organizational settings in finance and budget, management and information technology. We are delighted to have him in that position.”

Ramanathan will simultaneously be the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance in the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.

While serving as the Assistant Secretary-General for Enterprise Resource Planning, he was concurrently made the acting controller in September.

Earlier he had served the UN as Deputy Controller, Director of Accounts Division, and Chief of Service in IT Services Division.

The UN said: “He has proven experience leading complex change management initiatives, including implementation of IP-SAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) and Umoja (United Nations Enterprise Resource Planning solution).”

Ramanathan had served in India as Assistant Auditor General and Director of Accounts for the Auditor General of India. He is a Cost Accountant.

## Be Aware Of Romance Scams Warn Peel Police

PEEL: You can’t put a price tag on true love, but sadly, some people will go into great debt trying to find that special someone. Peel Police has advised residents: “Don’t become a victim of a broken heart and an empty bank account.”



Romance scams are occurring all over North America and are typically started by someone overseas who will develop a relationship/friendship over the internet with promises to come to Canada, but first they need some cash to help them.

It’s not uncommon for this person to quickly profess his/her love and then ask for money to assist with their illness or emergency. These amounts are often small at first and then gradually increase, resulting in many victims paying \$1000 to

\$100,000 to fraudsters because they think they’ve found the one ‘true love’.

These scammers often use bank accounts that are fraudulently set up and then funnel the victim’s money through various channels in order to make it difficult to track. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has reported that romance scams cost Canadians \$22 million in 2018.

It’s common to think that victims of romance scams are only middle aged women, but statistics have shown that victim ages have ranged from 20 to 75. People that haven’t found love can become vulnerable and that’s what the fraudsters prey on.

It can be difficult not to follow your heart, especially when you actually believe the person on the other end is real.

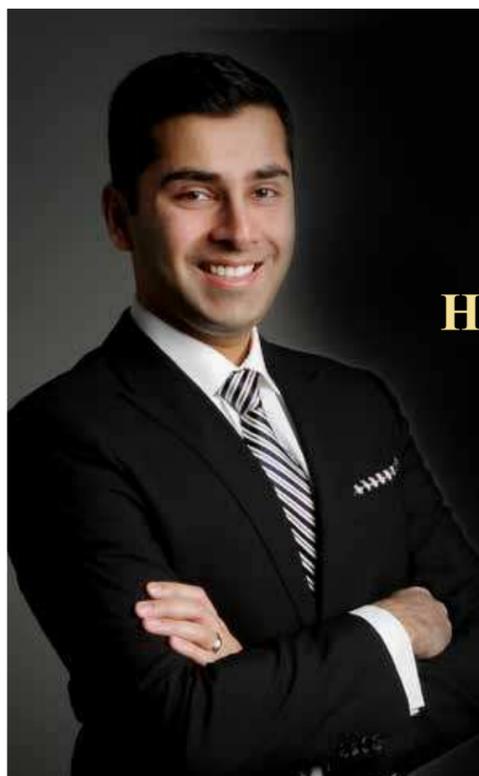
- Don’t share financial or personal information (birthdate, address) with anyone you’ve only met online.
- Be suspicious when someone you haven’t met in person professes their love to you. Ask yourself, “Would someone I’ve never met really declare their love after only a few emails?”
- Never send intimate photos or videos of yourself. The scammer may try to use these to blackmail you into sending money.
- Be cautious when conversing with an individual that claims to live close to you but is working overseas.
- Be wary of anyone requesting money for any reason.

## Man Held In Child Luring Investigation

REGION OF PEEL– Investigators from the Internet Child Exploitation Unit have arrested and charged a man in a child luring investigation.

Between January 31 and February 8, 2019 officers from the Internet Child Exploitation Unit investigated a male that was communicating online with someone he believed to be under 16 years of age for sexual purposes. The male used the nickname “Hornyprab”.

On February 14, Prabu Elanogovan, a 39 year-old man from Brampton, was arrested and charged with Make Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Child, and three counts of Child Luring. Anyone who had contact with “Hornyprab” is asked to contact the Internet Child Exploitation Unit at (905) 453-2121 ext. 3490. or by visiting peel-crimestoppers.ca.



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