

14-year-old boy hanging out of bus falls to death

Chennai: A Class IX boy travelling home standing on the foot-board of an MTC bus lost his life tragically in Thiruvottiyur on Friday evening.

The 14-year-old's bag got entangled in a transformer as the bus passed by and he was pulled down. He came under the vehicle's rear wheel and was killed instantly.

Police said the victim, 14-year-old Kabilan, resided on Annai Sivagami Nagar 3rd Street and was a government school student.

BAG STUCK IN TRANSFORMER

In the morning, Kabilan left home as usual but did not go to school and went to a friend's house, police found.

In the evening, he boarded a bus on route 66W (Mini-Broadway) to reach home. The bus was packed and he could not get inside, a police officer said.

His bag was strapped to

his back and he was hanging out, the officer added.

When the bus reached Sugam Hospital, the bag got stuck in the transformer and his grip on the handle along the foot-board was broken.

"The passengers did not see his bag getting entangled in the transformer but saw him fall. They thought he was trying to get off the moving bus," said an investigating officer.

After the bus stopped, some passengers pulled him out and rushed him to the Government Stanley Medical College and Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

The body was sent to the post-mortem unit of the same hospital.

The Washermenpet traffic investigation police registered a case of causing death due to negligence and arrested the bus driver.

Further investigations are on.

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