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Man detained for vandalising Karunanidhi statues, damaging library and party office in Erode



ERODE – 25 Nov, 2026 A 26-year-old man was detained by the Erode district police on Tuesday (November 24, 2026) for allegedly vandalising statues of former Chief Minister and late DMK leader M. Karunanidhi and damaging window panes of a library and a party office at four locations in the district in the early hours of Tuesday.

The incidents were reported at Panneerselvam Park in Erode and Alankattuvalasu in Modakkurichi, where the black spectacles on the life-size bronze statues were damaged, and at a library in Alankattuvalasu and the DMK's Erode South district office at Manalmedu, where window panes were broken.

The police examined CCTV footage and identified the person as G. Hari Vignesh, a resident of Thottipalayam Pudur in Modakkurichi. Footage from Alankattuvalasu showed a man arriving on a two-wheeler with an axe and damaging the spectacles on the statue.

The police said he had also damaged the doors and window panes of his house and the windows of nearby parked cars while under the influence of alcohol on Monday (November 23) night. He was reportedly suffering from mental illness, the police said, adding that further investigation was under way.