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Man and son commit suicide

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An octogenarian, who had been bedridden for 11 years, and his son committed suicide on Wednesday evening by consuming insecticide in their house in Triplicane.

They took the extreme step after the son was heart broken over his father's health condition, police said.

Sources with the Ice House police said the dead were identified as Chinnakkannu (80) and his son Ezhumalai (50) of Gajapathy Lala Street. “Ezhumalai who was a watchman by profession, was residing in the house with his wife, children and his father. He was extremely attached to his father and had been taking good care of him after he was bedridden 11 years ago,” said an investigating officer. Chinnakkannu's condition worsened in the last few days and Ezhumalai had sunk into depression.

Around 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the father and son decided to end their lives together by consuming poison. Ezhumalai found a bottle of insecticide in the house and the two consumed it, the officer added.

Ezhumalai's wife and children who were in another room, grew suspicious after they sensed the smell of insecticide in the house. They checked Chinnakkannu's room and found the father and son lying unconscious. The two were rushed to a hospital nearby but Ezhumalai succumbed on the way. The octogenarian died in the hospital within an hour, Ice House police added.