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The offence of Extortion

This is another category of property offense and has been defined under section 383 IPC.

By nature it is an aggravated form of theft in the sense that there is no element of use of force in taking away the property but in extortion there is use of force at the time of taking property. We would distinguish later between theft and extortion. Let us first as to what are the essential ingredients of extortion under section 383 IPC

1. In order to take away property one person intentionally puts another person in fear of any injury.

2. Such intention is dishonest to compel under that fear the other person to deliver any property or valuable security either to him or to any other person.

The fear of any injury could be in the nature of either physical or mental.

This could well be understood from the illustrations appended below the section 383

Where A threatens one Z to give him money otherwise he would publish some defamatory pictures of Z. Under fear of injury to his reputation in society Z pays money to A. Thus A has committed extortion.

Next I shall be explaining about the distinction between theft and extortion then switch over to another property related offense i.e. Robbery

Thank you

Stay safe n take care students