

**IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS
JUDGE BELAGAVI, AT: BELAGAVI**

SC No. 22/2025

PW- 11

CW- 15

Witness Name : Dr. Keshava H.B.

Father's Name : Bharamappa

Age : 59 years

**Occupation : Senior Specialist Department of Forensic
Medicine, BIMS Belagavi**

Residence : Belagavi

Duly Sworn on : 22.04.2026

Chief Examination by Learned Public Prosecutor:

Since from 2016 to till date I am working as Senior Specialist in Department of Forensic Medicine, BIMS Belagavi.

1. On 16.10.2024 I received a requisition from Sub Divisional Magistrate Belagavi bearing No.MAG/CR-79/2024-25 dated 16.10.2024 to conduct exhumation of dead body of Santosh Dundappa Padmannavar in connection with Malmaruti PS Cr No.179/2024. Accordingly I along with team of persons consisting of Dr. Pramod S.P., Dr. J. Saitej Naik and Mr. Rahul Naik to the calmut cemetre Sadashiv Nagar, Belagavi. After digging the burial site removed the body of above said dead person, same was identified by the police and

also relatives of the deceased. And entire process of digging of burial site, removal of dead body and identification had been video graphed.

2. On the dead body I started the postmortem examination at 03.15 PM and completed by 04.30 pm.

3. On the dead body I find the following articles.

1. Light green color half sleeve shirt,
2. Black color shorts,
3. Green color underwear.

4. **External Appearance** : Dead body is that of a male. Body is in advanced stage of decomposition evident by bloating. Tongue is protruded out, peeling of skin diffusely noted all over the body.

5. Both eyelids closed and on opening, evidence of surgical evisceration of both eye balls noted.

6. **External Injuries Fractures etc:**

1. No demonstrable external injuries noted over the neck and rest of the body.
2. Facial discoloration/injuries could not be opined due to decomposition.

3. No evidence of visible/demonstrable injuries (contusion) over the lips and gums.

7. **Cranium and spinal Canal** : No evidence of hemorrhage into scalp layers.

1. Skull and Vertebrae : No evidence of fracture of skull.
2. Membranes : Intact.
3. Brain and Spinal Cord : Brain converted into greyish Pasty matter.

8. **Thorax** :

1. Walls, ribs, cartilage, Sternum : Intact,
2. Pleura & Cavity : No evidence of collection of blood in the thoracic cavity.
3. Larynx & Trachea : Softened,
4. Lungs : Right and Left – Softened.
5. Pericardium : Softened.
6. Heart : Softened and flabby.
7. Large Vessels : Patent.

9. **Abdomen** :

1. Walls & Peritoneum : No collection of blood in the peritoneal cavity.
2. Mouth, Pharynx & Oesophagus : Intact.

3. Stomach and its contents : Contains partially digested food.
4. Small & Large Intestine & Contents: Distended with Gas and its contents.
5. Liver : Softened.
6. Spleen : Softened.

10. **Genito – Urinary System :**

1. Kidney : Right and Left – Softened.
2. Bladder : Softened.
3. Organs of generation, External & Internal : Bloated. No evidence of injury/hemorrhage into scrotum and testis.

11. **More Detailed Description of injury or Disease etc.**

1. On Dissection of Neck, No evidence of extravasation of blood into neck structures noted.
2. Hyoid bone and Thyroid cartilage are intact.
3. Heart, lung, liver, skin flap of both deltoid region were preserved and sent for histopathological examination.
4. Stomach and its contents, portion of liver, kidney were preserved and sent for chemical analysis.

12. Opinion as to the cause of death : Kept pending for chemical and Histopathological Analysis reports.

13. And accordingly I got issued the a postmortem report to the learned Sub Division Magistrate Belagavi Sub Division. The witness identify the said report. The same is got marked as Ex.P-65 and the signatures of the witness are marked as Ex.P-65(a) to 65(d).

14. On 05.11.2024 I have received the report from the Department of Histopathology who after conducting the examination on the lungs and heart of the deceased gave an opinion. And the I.O submitted the chemical examination report submitted by the RFSL, after examining the viscera articles of the deceased. After examining the report of histopathology and also RFSL and examining my postmortem report. I gave my final opinion stating that in the light of Negative Postmortem findings, Negative histopathological reports and Advanced decomposition, confirmative opinion of cause of death of the deceased by name Santosh Dundappa Padmannavar, aged 47 years could not be furnished. However FSL report suggests presence of Ethyl Alcohol and an Antipsychotic drug (Olanzapine) in the body of the deceased at the time of his death. Witness now by seeing the document deposed that this was the final opinion issued by him. The same is marked Ex.P-66 and the signature of the witness is got marked as Ex.P-66(a).

15. Witness now by seeing the another document deposed that, this is the histopathological report issued by the Department of Pathology. Same is got marked as Ex.P-67.

16. Witness now by seeing the another document deposed that, this is the chemical examination report issued by the RFSL after examining the viscera articles of the deceased and the said report had been submitted me to by the I.O while seeking final opinion on cause of death of deceased. The said document is got marked as Ex.P-68 consisting of 5 pages.

17. Witness now by seeing the another document deposed that, this was the requisition sent by the Sub Division Magistrate to furnish the PM report of deceased. Same is got marked as Ex.P-69. And by seeing two other document deposed that these are the requisition of the Sub Divisional Magistrate Belagavi submitted to me for exhumation of dead body and also for the postmortem under form No.146(i) and 146(ii). Said document are got marked as Ex.P-70 and 71. And signature of the Ex.P-70 is got marked as Ex.P-70(a).

18. Witness now by seeing the Ex.P-21 deposed that this was the panchanam drawn by the Sub Divisional Magistrate while exhumation of dead body which bears his signature. Same is marked as Ex.P-21(c). Witness now by seeing the

Ex.P-23 photographs deposed that there were the photographs taken at the time of conducting exhumation and in the said photographs my presence can be seen.

Cross Examination by Sri. RCP Advocate for accused No.1 to 5:

L/c for the accused No.1 to 5 is remained absent. Even the accused No.1 to 5 present through VC are also not sought an adjournment for cross examining this witness. That apart as the accused are made out no grounds to grant an adjournment for cross examining this witness, thus cross of this witness by the accused No.1 to 5 is taken as nil.

Re-Examination:- Nil.

(Typed to my dictation in the open Court).

R.O.I & A.C.

**(Gangadhara K.N.)
II Addl. Sessions Judge, Belagavi.**