

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRL. DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT,
BENGALURU.**

SC.No.219/2022

CW.1 IS EXAMINED AS PW.1

WITNESS DULY SWORN ON 23-07-2025.

Deposition of	Jyothirlinga Chandram Honakatti
Father's Name	Chandram
Age	46 Years
Occupation	PI, Hubballi-Dharwad Women Police Station
Residence	Hubballi

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY LEARNED PP:

I was working as Police Inspector, CCB, Bengaluru from 2021 to 2024.

2. On 03-08-2022 at 05:00 pm., when I was in the office, I received credible information that near NICE Road Bridge at Amrutha Nagara Main Road, BDA Layout, some 5 miscreants by holding deadly weapons were

making preparations to commit dacoity. Immediately from my staff, I called CW.2 and 3-Rahul and Pavan as panchas. Afterwards, I have given information which I gathered to CW.2 and 3 and also to my staff-CW.4 to 7. I have issued panch notice to CW.2 and 3. Now I have seen it. It is marked as Ex.P.1. My signature on it is marked as Ex.P.1(a). Afterwards, by taking CW.2 to 7 in my police jeep, we had been to said spot and reached the said spot at about 06:45 pm. We hide ourselves about 50 meters from the spot of incident and observed about those persons. I confirmed about the information I gathered that they are making preparations to commit dacoity.

3. Hence, myself and CW.4 to 7 surrounded them and able to caught hold 4 amongst 5 and 5th one escaped from said spot. I enquired the names and addresses of caught hold 4 persons. A1-Chetan possessed a sickle; A2-Santhosh possessed a sword; A3-Deepak possessed a club and A4-Gowtham possessed a chilly powder packet. I also enquired the name and address of the escaped A5.

4. I have seized the above articles from A1 to A4; I put them in separate white cloth bags, stitched them and sealed them with English letters 'OCW' and also pasted the chits containing signatures of panchas and myself on those white cloth bags. I can identify those articles. Said sickle was 15 inches in length and sword was 18 inches in length and its hand's perimeter was 1½ inch.

(As per the request of learned PP, 4 sealed intact bags are opened in presence of accused and learned counsel for accused)

5. Now I have seen the sickle, sword, club and chilly powder packet. They are marked as MO.1 to 4 respectively. I have drawn panchanama and computerized it in the Laptop, took its printout from portable printer from 06:50 to 08:15 pm., and then took signatures of panchas to said panchanama. Now I have seen said panchanama. It is marked as Ex.P.2. My signature on it is marked as Ex.P.2(a).

6. The incident had taken place within the limits

of Thalaghattapura Police Station. Hence, I have taken the seized articles, panchanama and A1 to A4 to said Police Station and lodged report cum complaint. Now I have seen it. It is marked as Ex.P.3. My signature on it is marked as Ex.P.3(a). I can identify the caught hold accused persons. Witness has properly identified A1 to A4 before Court.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED:

(Deferred to afternoon session, as per request of learned counsel for accused.)

(The deposition of the witness is typed to my dictation in the open court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

(Smt.Geetha K.B)
Prl. District and Sessions Judge,
Bengaluru Rural District,
Bengaluru.

**WITNESS AGAIN CALLED IN THE AFTERNOON
SESSION AND DULY SWORN ON 23-07-2025.**

**CROSS-EXAMINATION BY SRI.DML ADVOCATE FOR
ACCUSED:**

7. The distance between our CCB office and spot of incident was about 5 kms. I do not remember the distance between spot of incident and Thalaghattapura Police Station. I have not mentioned in panchanama that from which place and from which staff, CW.2 and 3 were called. I have not mentioned the time in Ex.P.1. The houses or shops were not situated near the spot of incident.

8. When we reached the spot, public were moving by walk and through vehicles but, only I able to saw these A1 to A4 and escaped accused. I have not observed any other public except CW.2 and 3 in the spot. I have examined the width, length and circumference of weapons by using measuring tape which will be available always in the IO kit. We were also having weighing machine and by weighing the chilly powder, I have

mentioned in panchanama that chilly powder was weighing about 15-20 grams.

(Learned counsel for accused intends to put question to the witness that whether he has mentioned about tape and weighing machine in panchanama but, if panchanama is read over, it could be gathered whether there is such mention or not and thus, this question is irrelevant and this could be argued and thus, rejected.)

9. There was no mention on the jeep that it was 'Police jeep' or it is of 'CCB Branch jeep' but, it was only mentioned as 'Government of Karnataka' on the vehicle. I have not given any information to Thalaghattapura Police Station before I going to the spot immediately after I got credible information.

10. It is true to suggest that we were visible to the accused persons. We observed about 5-10 minutes. It is false to suggest that I have not visited the spot, not conducted raid and has given false report. It is false to

suggest that I have concocted MO.1 to 4 only for the purpose of this case. It is false to suggest that A1 to A4 were not caught hold at that spot. It is false to suggest that I have not handed over MO.1 to 4 to Thalaghattapura Police Station. It is false to suggest that we have not taken the IO kit consisting of measuring tape and weighing machine to the spot.

RE-EXAMINATION:

Nil

(The deposition of the witness is typed to my dictation in the open court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

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