

**Government of Karnataka
(C.R.P.67)
BEFORE THE 1st ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS
COURT, CHIKKAMAGALURU.
SC.No. 95/2024
DW-01**

Duly Sworn on: 21-02-2026

Witness Name : Dr.Pavithra N.
Husband's Name : Dr. Prathap Kumar J.
Age : 36 years
Occupation : Assistant Professor in
psychiatry, Chikkamagaluru
Institute of Medical Science
Place of Residence : Chikkamagaluru

Examination in Chief by Sri.ND, Deputy Chief

Defense counsel, LADCS:-

I am working as Assistant Professor in psychiatry at Chikkamagaluru Institute of Medical Science since 06.04.2024.

2. On 11.05.2024, a under trial prisoner by name Poornesh vide UTP No.285/24 was brought to our hospital by the prison authority with the history of violent behaviour at prison, threatening to assault other inmates and sleepless at night. On examination, he was found well oriented, his mental status examination showed that he was hostile, irritable, there was threat of violence, his psychomotor activity

was increased, his speech tone was found increased and his affect was irritable. As there was risk of violence and absconding, it was advised that the patient needs to be kept in psychiatric ward/wing separately in prison or he needs to be treated at Nimhans in closed ward and his past medical records to be reviewed. I also gave him injections and oral medications to control aggression.

3. As the patient was required to be treated at psychiatric ward/wing at prison and there was no such facility at District prison, Chikkamagaluru, the prison authority sent mail to mental health review board, who in turn permitted and directed the jail authority to admit the patient at District Hospital, Chikkamagaluru. After obtaining such permission, the patient was admitted to District Hospital, Chikkamagaluru on the same day i.e., on 11.05.2024 vide IP No.202416712. As per the history given by the prison authority, the patient is alleged to have committed an offence under section 302 of IPC by killing a lady in public by crushing with a stone and they also gave history of his violent behaviour and disturbed sleep at prison. He was treated with injectables and oral medication to control aggression/agitation. He was kept under observation

and treatment till 27.05.2024. During inpatient care, we have noticed symptoms like over talkativeness, singing movie songs in ward, demand for tobacco, he was over familiar with treating doctors and accompanying prison personnel, he accepted medication from day one. Initially he had disturbed sleep, but it gradually improved.

4. We could trace his past history and found that he was admitted to Nimhans on 19.12.2023 and got discharged on 14.02.2024. His discharge summary disclosed that he had 20 years of illness and he was diagnosed with 'bipolar affective disorder'. As per the reference found in the discharge summary issued by Nimhans Hospital, he was taken to said hospital by the police due to excessive aggression during a strike and during the course in said hospital, he was treated with medication and there was significant improvement, he developed insight, he opted to go back to his town and to reunite with his family, capacity assessment was repeated and found improved and he had capacity to take decision about the discharge, he was educated about his illness, need for long time medication and regular follow up and he was discharged with the advice of oral medication mentioned in discharge summary and advised to

follow up after 02 weeks.

5. On the basis of the examination and observation of the patient in our hospital and on the basis of his past records, we have diagnosed that the patient had bipolar affective disorder, current episode, mania without psychotic symptom meaning he had not any hallucination or delusion during the aforesaid period as inpatient. With the treatment administered, the patient was found improved, there was no irritability or over talkativeness and he had stable mood by 26.05.2024. He was discharged on 27.05.2024 as he was found stable.

6. Today I have produced the true copies of case sheet and discharge summary for having treated the accused at District Hospital, Chikkamagaluru from 11.05.2024 to 27.05.2024. The same are together marked as Ex.D1. As I had examined the aforesaid patient/accused from 11.05.2024 to 27.05.2024, I cannot comment on his condition at the time of commission of alleged offence. During the inpatient care of the accused, he was also examined and treated by one Dr.Chandrashekhar, Senior Specialist Psychiatrist of District Hospital, Chikkamagaluru.

Cross Examination by Public Prosecutor:

Cross-examination of the witness is deferred at request of Public Prosecutor.

(Typed to my dictation in Open Court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

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(BHANUMATHI. B.C.)

1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge,
Chikkamagaluru.