

**IN THE COURT OF II ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS**  
**(SPECIAL) JUDGE MANGALURU, D.K.**

Sessions Case: 88/2021

PW: 12      (CW: 18 )

Witness present and Duly Sworn on: 27.10.2025

|                            |   |                                  |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Deposition of</b>       | : | Laveena D'Souza                  |
| <b>Father/Husband Name</b> | : | Jossy Corlo                      |
| <b>Age</b>                 | : | 43 years                         |
| <b>Occupation</b>          | : | Houewife                         |
| <b>Resident Of</b>         | : | Now Bangalore. Earlier Modonkop. |

**Examination in Chief by Public Prosecutor :-**

1. Deceased Benict Corlo was my mother in law. PW-3 is my brother in law. PW-4 is my co-sister. I know CW-3, PW-5 , PW-6. PW-9 is my sister-in-law. I know PW-8, PW-10, CW-11, CW-12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20. I know accused nos. 1 to 3 who is present before court.

2. On 26.01.2021 around 7-7.30 p.m. my husband informed over phone about death of my mother in law Bendict Carlo. At that time my husband was in Israil. PW-9 had told my husband about the death. Since I have children, immediately I could not go to my in laws house, on the next day morning directly I went Thumbé hospital. Initially we thought my mother in law died on account of ill-health. After

noticing injuries on the body and also a receipt of gold articles, we got suspicion over her death. On the suspicion, complaint was filed with the police.

3. On 03.02.2021, the police called us to Bantwal Police station. Accused nos. 1 to 3 were in the police station. From the police we came to know my mother in law was murdered for gain.

4. On 04.03.2021, at 9.00 a.m. the police called me and PW-4 to CEN Lab, Mangalore. At 9.30 a.m. the police have opened three mobile handsets in our presence. All the three mobiles were switched off. In our presence all the three mobiles were charged, then all the mobiles were switched on. Firstly, Redmi 8 mobile belongs to Sathish was switched off, then Samsung 1 keypad mobile belongs to Elma was switched on and next Realme mobile belongs to Charan was switched on. In Redmi 8 mobile there were conversations and messages between Elma and Sathish, they were played and showed to us. In Samsung keypad mobile there were exchange of text messages between Elma and Sathish, they were shown to us. The conversations between Sathish and Elma were in Konkani language. In Redmi 8 mobile handset, two sim cards of idea and vodafone. In Samsung mobile handset BSNL sim card, in Realme mobile handset airtel sim card. All the three mobiles were packed and sealed in separate packets and seized. The

police signed A, B, C mark to the mobiles. The police assigned D mark to pendrive and sealed them. The police prepared mahazar from morning 9.00 till 10.00 p.m. I now see Mahazar Ex.P.13, it bears my signature. Signature of witness is marked as Ex.P.13(b).

5. I can identify all the three mobiles and sim cards and pendrive. I now see Samsung mobile with sim card. They are already marked at MO 1 and 2 at this stage further identifies SD card and states the said SD card was also seized on that day. It is already marked at MO.3. I now see Redmi 8 mobile with two sim cards. They are already marked at MO.Nos.4 to 6. I now see Realme mobile. Mobile is already marked at MO.13. I can identify sim card. On opening of side pin, it contains sim card. Sim card is now marked as MO.13(a). (Sim card is replaced as it is).

6. On 07.04.2021 the police issued notice to me and CW-19 Riva D'Cousta to appear in Bantwal Police Station. I now see notice, it bears my signature the same are marked as Ex.P.27 and 27(a). I and CW-19 went to Bantwal police station 11.30 a.m. The police took me and CW-19 to District Jail, Mangalore to collect voice from Sathish and Elma. In the Jail, jail staffs, police officer Nagar and other staffs were present. The police brought instrument and pendrive for recording voice. We went to Jail at 1.00 p.m. We were asked to sit in a

room. The jail staff brought Sathish and Elma to the said room. First voice of Elma was recorded and then voice of Sathish was recorded. The police have given very same voice record of mobile of Sathish in Redmi 8 was given to both Elma and Sathish and asked to repeat the same and recorded the same. The voice record of Elma and Sathish was done between 1.00 and 2.00 p.m. A mahazar was prepared with respect to recording voice. The voice record was transferred to 16 GB pendrive. The mahazar contents were read over to us and took our signatures. I now see mahazar it bears my signature. The same are marked as Ex.P.28 and 28(a). I can identify pendrive to which voice record was transferred. I now see pendrive. The same is already marked at Ex.P.6. I can identify voice record of Sathish and Elma. I know Konkani language. Pendrive is played. Witness identifies recordings of Elma and Sathish which is in the language of Konkani. Witness since knows both Konkani and Kannada has clearly identified and explains the conversation.

7. On 13.04.2021, the police called me, CW-20 and CW-16 to the police station. The police asked me to furnish photograph of my mother in law with bearing Karimani. I had photograph in my digital camera of my mother in law with wearing Karimani. I took photograph of my mother in law in photoshop and also transferred the said photograph to CD. I went to police station along with CW-20 and CW-16, handed

over photograph and CD to the police. A mahazar was prepared and took photograph and CD. It was around 12 noon on that day. I now see mahazar, it bears my signature. The same are marked as Ex.P.29 and 29(a). I also issued 65B certificate. I now see it bears my signature. The same are marked as Ex.P.30 and 30(a). I can identify photograph and CD. I now see photograph of my mother in law with wearing Karimani. The same is marked as Ex.P.31. I now see CD which contains photograph of my mother in law. The CD is played. CD contains very same photograph. CD is marked as Ex.P.32.

8. I can identify gold articles of my mother in law. Witness states her brother in law PW-3 got released gold articles. Witness identifies gold articles in Ex.P.9 and 24 photographs.

**Cross-examination by Sri. VRA Advocate for accused Nos.1 and 2:-**

9. I was not staying with my in laws. I had visited my in laws house six years ago earlier to the incident as I was in abroad. It is false to suggest that I had not seen and had no acquaintance with her.

10. I and PW-4 both are daughter in laws of deceased. I studied upto PUC and did Computer course. I do not know the procedure to be followed for extraction of data. All the three

mobiles were with the police on 04.03.2021, when we went to CEN Lab. I do not know on what basis, it was mentioned in the mahazar the information with respect to deleted SMS.

11. I had seen Sathish and heard his voice in police station 03.02.2021, hence I had acquaintance in the said voice. It is false to suggest that since the police told the said voice belongs to Sathish, I identified the said voice. It is false to suggest that there were no messages and voice record in mobiles. It is false to suggest that there were no voice messages with respect to the incident in the mobiles.

12. It is true since we are relatives of deceased, we were called to jail. It is false to suggest that in our presence no voice record was taken.

13. It is false to suggest that I edited photograph of my mother in law and handed over the same to the police. I do not remember exact date when my mother in law photograph was taken. It is true cross pendent is not seen in Karimani chain. Witness states pendent is inside saree.

14. It is false to suggest that since we are relatives of deceased and support the police, we were called took our signatures on the mahazars. I know mobile of Elma. I came to know mobile handsets of Sathish and Charan from the police.

**Cross-examination by Smt. AN for Accused No.3:-**

Adopts aforesaid cross-examination.

**Re-examination: Nil.**

(Computerized to my dictation in the open court)

ROI & AC

II Addl District and Sessions Judge,  
Mangaluru, D.K.