

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

Special Case: 157/2020

PW: 11 (CW: 16)

Witness present and Duly Sworn on: 11.11.2025

Deposition of	:	Laxman Kanchan
Father/Husband Name	:	Thaniya
Age	:	53 years
Occupation	:	Business
Resident Of	:	Bejai-Kapikadu, Mangaluru.

Examination in Chief by Public Prosecutor :-

1. I know Rajesh, Naveen Chandra and Venkappa. I do not know deceased Keerthi.

2. On 01.06.2020, I came to know about death of Keerthi. I came to know his murder was taken place on 31.05.2020. Rakesh called me and told the above. He further told body of Keerthi was kept in A.J. Hospital. I went to A.J. Hospital at 10.00 a.m. Body was kept in mortuary. I saw dead body. I noticed injury over left back head. I saw cloths red T-shirt and blue Jeans pant, Bermuda Chaddi and shoe on the body. I came to know he was assaulted by using Katti. An Inquest mahazar was prepared. I was there till 2.00 p.m. Rakesh and Venkappa were also present. Naveen was also present. Photographs were taken. After Inquest mahazar, our

signatures were taken. I now see Inquest Mahazar, it bears my signature. The same are marked as Ex.P18 and 18(a). I now see Eight photographs. Eight photographs together marked as Ex.P19.

(at this stage, at the request of Public Prosecutor this witness has been treated as partly hostile and permission is accorded for cross examination)

Cross-examination by Public Prosecutor:-

3. It is false to suggest that an Inquest Mahazar was conducted between 11:15 p.m. on 31.05.2020 and 2:00 a.m. on 01.06.2020.

Cross-examination by Smt. SA Advocate for Accused Nos.1, 3 to 5 and 7:-

4. I do not know anything about the case. Rakesh called me to the hospital. The police have not issued notice in writing. I have signed in police station. I have not read the contents of mahazar. Police have not seized any cloths and articles in my presence.

5. It is false to suggest that body was rapped with white cloth. It is false to suggest that the injuries sustained by Keerthi were received by self fall.

6.I cannot say at what time, date where and by whom inquest mahazar was conducted.

7. It is false to suggest that I am deposing false to help the prosecution.

Re-examination: Nil.

(Computerized to my dictation in the open court)

ROI & AC

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