

IV ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE HASSAN
(SIT AT CHANNARAYAPATNA)
Sessions Case: 236/2024

PW: 19 (CW: 27)

Witness present and duly sworn on : 09.03.2026

Deposition of : Santhosha .S
Father/husband name : Late Somasundar
Age : 41 years
Occupation : CPI, Holenarasipura
Resident of : Holeanarasipura

Examination in chief by Public Prosecutor:

1) From 02.10.2023 to 18.10.2025, I was working as CPI of Hirisave circle.

2) On 24.07.2024, I have taken this case file from CW25 and proceeded with the further investigation. On the same day, I have visited the crime spot and conducted the Spot cum seizure mahazar at the place shown by CW1 in the presence of CW5 and 6 along with SOCO Team. When I visited the crime spot the dead body of Kempadevamma was lying in supine position between the maize crop. A rope was tied around her neck. I have also noticed the drag marks on

the ground and it appears that the dead body was dragged from some other place. Blood stains and froth present on the mouth of the deceased. Green, red and yellow colour floral nighty and blue colour jerkin with writing 'Navodaya' were present on the dead body. Now I see the Spot cum seizure mahazar conducted by me and it is already marked as ExP2. The signature of witness is marked as **ExP2(c)**. The blood stained mud and control mud collected by the SOCO team was received by me and included in PF No.95/2024 and submitted to court. Now I see the articles seized by me and SOCO team. They are already marked as MO.1 and 2. I can identify the cloths of deceased and rope. They are already marked as MO.3 to 6. During the mahazar proceedings photographs and video have taken. Now I see the photographs and they are already marked as ExP3. ExP4- Compact Disc (4 Compact Discs) is played in open court. The witness identified the video of the mahazar. On the same day, I have collected the certificate U/s 63(4)(c) of BSA issued by CW19 and included in the case file.

3) On the same day, I have sent requisition to the medical officer, Hirisave Primary Health Center through

CW24 to preserve the dead body in the mortuary. I have orally directed with CW21 and 23 to search and apprehend the accused person along with his physical feature description. On the same day, I have submitted the Exp2-mahazar, photos and video along with certificate U/s 63(4) (3) of BSA to the court.

4) On 25.07.2024, I have orally directed CW26-Supreeth to conduct inquest mahazar of the dead body. On the same day, CW21 and 23 have apprehended and produced accused from Bellur Railway Cross and produced before me along with report at 8.30 am. Now I see the report of CW23 and it is already marked as Exp24 and the signature of witness is marked as **Exp24(b)**. On oral enquiry, accused has confessed the crime and willing to produce the one mobile phone belongs to him and two finger rings, mangalya chain and a pair of ear studs of the deceased and to show the crime spot. I have recorded the voluntary statement of the accused person. He has disclosed in the said statement that he is ready to show the crime spot. I have secured CW3, CW7, CW9 and CW13 and briefed the facts of the case and

requested them to assist for the body search of the accused. The accused has taken out Samsung mobile with Jio SIM No.9113258381 from his pant pocket and produced before me. He has informed that said Jio SIM present in the mobile phone stands in the name of his deceased wife. When we conduct a search of his right side pocket of the pant, we found a Kalikamba Jewellers purse wherein a plastic box with one metal finger ring and one silver chain with three Thali and two balls, two finger rings and ear studs belongs to deceased Kempadevamma. I secured a goldsmith and got examined the articles recovered from the accused person and obtained appraisers statement. The entire procedure of recovery mahazar was photographed and videographed. Now I see the mahazar conducted by me from 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm in the presence of panch witnesses. It is already marked as ExP12 and the signature of witness is marked as **ExP12(b)**. Now I see the photographs taken during the mahazar. 4 photographs are already marked as ExP13. Compact Disc annexed to the charge sheet played in the open court and the witness identified the video. Said CD is already marked as ExP14. Now I see the mobile phone along with

Jio SIM seized by me. It is already marked as MO.12. Now I see the jewellery belongs to the deceased seized by me and now kept in Treasury box. They are already marked as MO.7 to 11. Now I see the appraiser report. It is already marked as ExP26. The signature of witness is marked as **ExP26(b)**.

5) On the basis of the voluntary statement of the accused person I have taken him to the place identified by him along with panch witnesses CW7 and CW9 and conducted the mahazar from 1.15 pm to 2.00 pm at the place shown by the accused person and also taken photographs and video. Now I see the Spot mahazar conducted by me and it is already marked as ExP15. The signature of witness is marked as **ExP15(b)**. The photographs are already marked as ExP16. The CD is played in open court and identified by the witness. The said CD is already marked as ExP17. I have collected the certificate U/s 63(4)(c) of BSA filed by CW19-Sagar and included in the case file and then returned to Police Station. On the same day, I have received the inquest panchanama and the statement of witnesses recorded during inquest produced by CW26 and included in the case file.

Now I see the voluntary statement of accused person. The relevant portion of voluntary statement of accused is marked as ExP49 and the signature of witness is marked as **ExP49(a)**. Thereafter I have produced the accused person before the magistrate along with remand application.

6) On the same day, I have produced the articles seized by the accused person to the court along with PF No. 96/2024. I have recorded the statements of CW2, CW3, CW21 and CW13 and included in the case file. I can identify the statement of CW2-Raju and CW3-Siddanayaka. CW2-Raju has given statement as per ExP6, 6(a) and 6(b). CW3-Siddanayaka has given statement as per ExP7, 7(a), 7(b), 7(c) and 7(d).

7) On 28.07.2024, I have produced the Seizure mahazar, Spot mahazar conducted at the place shown by the accused person, photos, CD containing the video along with certificate U/s 63(4)(c) of BSA before the Magistrate.

(Further examination-in-chief is deferred on request).

(Computerized to my dictation in the open court)

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IV Addl. District and Sessions Judge
Hassan (Sit at Channarayapatna)