

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL.DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
KODAGU-MADIKERI (SITTING AT VIRAJPET)

S.C.No.5028/2024

PW:1

CW:1

Duly sworn on 18.12.2025

Name of the witness	Smt.Nethra
Husband Name	Late Prakash
Age	48 years
Occupation	Home maker
Residence & Mobile Number	Aruvathoklu

Examination-in-chief by Public Prosecutor:

1. CW.2/Dyan is my son. CW.3/Chethan, CW.4/Kaverappa, CW.5/Sachin, CW.6/Subramani, CW.7/Prathap, CW.8/Shreyas, CW.9/Machaiah are my neighbours. CW.9 is son of accused No.1, CW.10 is the wife.

2. I had married to Prakash in the year 2002, we have two children Dyan and Vivan. My husband Prakash is having three brothers and one sister (including my husband).

Accused No.1 is the elder one. Kiran is the second brother(dead). My husband is third one. Savitha is the sister of my husband, she got married and residing with matrimonial home at Bittangala. My mother in law was stayed with us and she died in the year 2021 in Aruvathoklu in her house, in which my son, my husband and children were resided.

3. Accused No.1 along with his family residing at Begur. Kiran(brother of my husband) family is residing near my house at Aruvathoklu. My husband had own 13 acres of coffee estate at Begur. Accused No.1 is also having ancestral properties in Begur adjacent to my property.
4. After death of my mother in law(Lalitha @ Gowramma), accused No.1 started to quarrel with my husband, stating that the house situated at Aruvathoklu belongs to him, and asked us to vacate the premises. In this regard, accused No.1 has quarreled with my husband at 2-3 times.

5. On 30.03.2024 at 8.30-9.00 am, my husband asked CW.2 my son to handover the diesel to the workers in the estate. CW.2 went to the estate in jeep. At 10.30 am my husband left the house, stating that he has to visit temple, situated by the side of our estate. At 12.30 pm CW.4/Vinay came to the my house and told me that accused No.1 had fired with gun to my husband and my son CW.2/Dyan at Beguru in front of accused No.1 house and shifted Dyan to Mysuru for treatment, accused No.1 is not allowing him to shift my husband body and asked me to come there.

6. Around 1.00 pm, I visited the crime scene situated at a distance of 20 feet from the accused No.1 compound gate. My husband body was lying in our jeep on back side seat. CW.6/Subramani was also present at the spot. I asked him about the incident and he told me that Dyan has called him, stating that accused No.1 has fired gun to him and his father and asked him to come immediately to the spot.

When he and Prathaf/CW.7 came to the spot, Dyan was shifting to the hospital, the dead body of Prakash was lying on the cement floor in front of gate, accused No.1 holding gun in his hand standing near the dead body of Prakash with accused No.2 worker, and on seeing them, accused No.1 left the place, the dead body of Prakash shifted to the jeep with our labours.

7. Police came to the spot, on my instruction Uthappa wrote the complaint on spot and gave to the police. Now I see the complaint, marked as **Ex.P.1, 1(a)** is my signature. Thereafter, I came to my house.
8. Crime scene is appearing in the two photographs. The compound of accused No.1 is appearing. The two photographs are marked as **Ex.P.2 and 3**. My husband dead body is appearing in two photographs in the jeep. In the said photograph, are marked as **Ex.P.4 and 5**. The another photo appearing with blood stained, marked as

Ex.P.6. The signature of Muthappa in the complaint, is marked as **Ex.P.1(b)**. The dead body of my husband is appearing in 5 photographs taken at hospital, are marked as **Ex.P.7 to 11.** The dead body is appearing with the bullet injuries.

9. The dead body was shifted to the Madikeri hospital for postmortem examination. One sealed article is opening before the Court, witness identifying the light blue colour full shirt belongs to my husband, is marked as **MO.1.** Two sealed articles are opening and she identified blood stained cement colour of half sleeve cotton shirt, black colour pant and gray colour underwear belongs to CW.2 son. Same are marked are **Mo.2, 3, and 4** respectively.

Cross Examination: Advocate for accused Sri.VSP submitted that accused No.1 has hospitalized, no instruction for cross examination. Prayer is rejected (for the reasons stated separately in the order sheet).

(Typed to my dictation in the open court)

ROI & AC

Sd/-

II Addl.District & Sessions Judge,
Kodagu-Madikeri(Sitting at Virajpet)