

IN THE COURT OF THE
ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, KOPPAL
(SITTING AT GANGAVATHI)

S.C. No.11/2022

Duly sworn on: 08.04.2025

Deposition of : Mohammed Rafi
Father : Khashim
Age : 13 Years
Occupation : 7th Standard
Residence : Karatagi

Examination in Chief by Learned Public Prosecutor:

1. CW16 Mehaboob is my friend. I do not know the deceased Mallikarjun. I am having resident at Nazeer colony of Karatagi. There is one canal near my house. I do not know about the fair at Karatagi. I do not know the Accused persons who are present before the Court. I have not seen them earlier. I do not know what has happened to the deceased Mallikarjun. Police asked me to come to the Court. I do not know why the Police have called me to the Court. My mother knows everything. My mother took me to the Court. Witness is crying by stating that, he do not know anything. My mother and the Accused persons took me to the Court. I was sitting with my mother out side the Court. I do not know any persons by name Mallikarjun. When I was small kid, Police came to my house and spoke with my mother. Police asked my name, my father name and address. I do not know anything about the present case. I

cannot identify the person in Ex.P-6 Photograph.

(At this stage Public Prosecutor prays for permission to treat this witness hostile. Permission granted.)

Cross-Examination by Learned Public Prosecutor:

2. I do not know whether Mallikarjun is the son of Accused No.3. It is false to suggest that, the house of Mallikarjun is situated at the lane where we reside. It is false to suggest that, I used to play with Mallikarjun. It is false to suggest that, Mallikarjun is my friend. It is true to suggest that, there will be Korramma fair every year in Karatagi. It is false to suggest that, on 23.10.2020, during Korramma fair, myself, Mehaboob and the deceased Mallikarjun went to Korramma fair and had lunch. Witness volunteers that, himself and Mehaboob went to the fair and further submits that, “ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನ ಎನ್ನುವವರು ದೇವರಾಣಿಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ.” It is false to suggest that, myself, Mehaboob and the deceased Mallikarjun swam in the canal near to our house. It is false to suggest that, at about 03.00 pm, myself, Mehaboob and the deceased Mallikarjun were playing hide and seek game and at that time, Mallikarjun went to his house to hide himself. It is false to suggest that, Mallikarjun came out of his house and sat on the bund of coconut tree for a while. I do not know, at about 04.00 pm, 2 persons came in a Motorcycle and called Mallikarjun. I do not know Accused No.1 and 2 took Mallikarjun in their Motorcycle to some other place. I do not know on the next day, I came to know that, the Accused persons have committed murder of

Mallikarjun and thrown him to Maski canal. It is false to suggest that, later, my mother took me to Bengaluru for work. It is false to suggest that, on 26.02.2021, the Police called myself, Mehaboob and grandmother of Mehaboob to Karatagi Police Station. It is false to suggest that, the Police have shown Accused No.1 and 2 to me at the Police Station and I have identified them. I have not seen whether Accused No.1 to 3 are residents of our Nazeer colony of Karatagi. It is false to suggest that, Police have shown the Motorcycle which was used for taking Mallikarjun. It is false to suggest that, I came to know that, on 23.10.2020, when Mallikarjun went to his house to hide himself, he has seen his mother and grandfather inside the house in a compromising position, thereafter, Accused No.1 and 2, on the instigation of the Accused No.3, took Mallikarjun to the spot near Mylapur village, tied rope to the hands and legs of Mallikarjun, killed him and thrown to Tungabhadra canal. It is false to suggest that, on 26.02.2021, I have given statement to the Police by stating that, “ನಜೀರ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ----- ಅಂತಾ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ..” The statement is marked as Ex.P.-25. It is false to suggest that, the dead body appearing Ex.P.-6 is of my friend Mallikarjun. It is false to suggest that, though I have given statement to the Police as per Ex.P.-25, I am deposing falsely before the Court in order to help the accused persons.

Cross-Examination by Sri TM, Advocate, standing counsel for Accused No.1:

Counsel for Accused No.1 submits that, he has no cross-examination.

Cross-Examination by Sri AHD, Advocate for Accused No.2:

Counsel for Accused No.2 submits that, he has no cross-examination.

Cross-Examination by Sri KAR, Advocate for Accused No.3:

Counsel for Accused No.3 submits that, he has no cross-examination.

Re-examination: Nil.

(Typed to my dictation in open Court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

(Sadananda Nagappa Naik)
Addl. District and Sessions Judge,
Koppal (Sitting at Gangavathi).