

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

S.C. No.11/2022

Duly sworn on: 13.10.2025

Deposition of : Mehaboob
Father : Valisab
Age : 16 Years
Occupation : Working at Garage
Residence : Karatagi

Examination in Chief by Learned Public Prosecutor:

1. CW18 is my grandmother. She is having Chilly grinding machine. I do not know CW17 and Mallikarjuna. I am residing in the house situated at Nazeersab colony of Karatagi. I do not know the Accused No.1 and 3 who are present before the Court. I cannot identify Accused No.2 (Counsel for Accused No.2 has filed EP not disputing the identity of the Accused No.2). The houses of CW17 Mohammed Rafi and Mallikarjuna are also situated at Nazeer sab colony of Karatagi. There is one canal in front of chilly grinding machine. I was fishing in the said canal. Meanwhile, Mallikarjuna went in the Motorcycle. I do not know the rider of the Motorcycle. I cannot state the date and time when Mallikarjuna has gone in the Motorcycle. I cannot state the colour of the Motorcycle. I do not know whereabouts of Mallikarjuna. I do not know whether Mallikarjuna is alive or dead. I have not shown any spot to

the Police. Police have not recorded my statement. Witness identifies himself in Ex.P.-27 and 28 photographs. I do not know why the said photographs are taken. I have no information on Mallikarjuna at present. Police have videographed my statement. I have given statement to the Police as above in the video. One DVD is played in the open Court. Witness identifies himself in the video and submits that, he has given statement to the Police as above in the said video. I do not know any other things about the present case.

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

Cross-Examination by Learned Public Prosecutor:

2. It is false to suggest that, CW17, Mallikarjuna and I are friends. It is false to suggest that, on 23.10.2020, at about 03.00 pm, CW17, Mallikarjuna and I were playing hide and seek. It is false to suggest that, It is false to suggest that, at about 04.00 pm, when Mallikarjuna was sitting near the canal, Accused No.1 and 2 came to the spot and took Mallikarjuna in their Motorcycle. It is false to suggest that, I have shown the spot to the Police.

3. It is false to suggest that, on 24.10.2020, Accused No.3 informed me that, Mallikarjuna was watching the TV, meanwhile, power has gone, Mallikarjuna got up and went out side, she has searched for her son Mallikarjuna and she has not found him. It is false to suggest that, I came to

know that, the Accused No.1 and 2 have killed Mallikarjuna, thrown him to the canal and the dead body was found at the canal near Maski. It is false to suggest that, on 26.02.2021, Sindhanur Police have enquired me, CW17 and 18. It is false to suggest that, at the same time, I have identified the Accused No.1 and 2 as the persons who have taken Mallikarjuna in their Motorcycle. It is false to suggest that, I have identified the Motorcycle at the Police Station. It is false to suggest that, I came to know that, as Mallikarjuna had seen the illicit relationship of Accused No.3 with Accused No.1, Accused No.1 to 3 have colluded together and they have committed murder of Mallikarjuna. It is false to suggest that, on 29.10.2020, I have given statement to the Police by stating that, “ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.10.2020 ----- ಹಾಕಿದ್ದು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.” The statement is marked as Ex.P.-29. It is false to suggest that, on 26.02.2021, I have given statement to the Police by stating that, “ನಮ್ಮದು ಕಾರಟಗಿ -----ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.” The statement is marked as Ex.P.-30. It is false to suggest that, I have given statement to the Police as contained in the 2 videos which are shown to me. The DVD is marked as Ex.P.-29(a).

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

Standing 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)
I Addl. District and Sessions Judge,
Koppal (Sitting at Gangavathi).