

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE,
MYSORE

Spl.C. 78/2019

DEPOSITION
OF : **Apoorva C G** **DULY SWORN ON**

FATHERS
NAME : **L R Gangadharaiah** **09.12.2025**

AGE : **26**

PROFESSION : **Assistant Director,**
Document Section, **DW: 1**
Truth Lab, Bengaluru

RESIDENCE : **Bengaluru**

EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY: COUNSEL FOR ACCUSED (Through VC)

Since September 2022 till date, I am working as Assistant Director, Truth Lab, Bengaluru.

On 20.08.2024, I have received requisition letter from M C Ramesh advocate on behalf of M Nagesh Kumar S/o late H Madaiah to examine certain document regarding authorship of the signature. We have registered the case in our truth lab and after that I have examined the questioned document and in that questioned signature on the certified photo copy of General Power of Attorney dtd 13.07.2017 (marked as Ex.P.1). Further, I have examined the standard document in that I have examined admitted signature said to be of sister Theresa. Certified copy of application dtd:17.05.2017 (Page No.167) marked as S-1. and another document Sketch (Page No.242, 243) marked as S-1 to S-3. I have

marked the document compared then I have submitted forensic analytical report. After examine the said documents scientifically I have given my opinion and as per the opinion the person who wrote the standard signature marked as S-1 to S-3 did not right the questioned signature marked as Q.

I have submitted my profile in the said report as expert's profile. I have experience of more than 3 years in document section and I have given evidence in 30 cases in court of law. I can identified the report submitted by me. Witness identifies the report dtd 03.10.2024 same is marked as Ex.D.5, witness identifies her signature marked as Ex.D.5(a). I can identified the questioned document and admitted document enclosed the application by me. Witness identifies the CC copy of GPA dtd 13.07.2017 same is marked as Ex.D.6. Witness identifies the application dtd 17.05.2017 same is marked as Ex.D.7, Witness identifies the sketch (Page 242) S-2 same is marked as Ex.D.8.

Report I have submitted is correct and proper.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY : PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

(The learned Special Public Prosecutor seeks time to cross examine the DW.1)

TYPED TO MY DICTATION IN THE OPEN COURT.

R. O. I. & A. C.,

Sd/-

III ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE,
MYSORE

Witness duly sworn on: Dt. 03.02.2026.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY: PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (Through VC)

The documents are received from M.C. Ramesh, Advocate on behalf of M. Nagesh Kumar to our truth lab on 20.08.2024 and the same was allotted to me on 22.08.2024. No case history submitted along with documents. It is only sought to submit report with regard to the signature.

I have not received any summons from the Lokayuktha police or from the Court.

The original documents are not submitted to us and we have not received original documents. I have not ask why the original documents are not submitted. It is true to suggest that, the document which I have examined (Marked as Ex.P.1) is the stamp paper. I can not say that, the said stamp paper contain signature of the notary. (Subsequently, the witness has seen the documents at Ex.P.1 and depose that, the said Ex.P.1 contain the seal of the notary). Without the signature of the deponent, notary will not sign and seal the documents. Witness depose that, I can not say the said legal aspects.

It is false to suggest that, without the original documents only basing upon the certified copy of the documents the scientific examination of hand writing can not be done.

It is true to suggest that, the original sketch and the Form at Ex.D.7 and 8 are not provided.

It is true to suggest that, the documents are sent to examine the signature of Sister Superior Theresa B. Is there any impediment to obtain the sample signature of said

Theresa B by contacting her. Witness depose that, we will not contact any body to collect the signatures.

We follow the guidelines issued by the Ministry Home affairs with regard to the document examination in forensic lab. What is the accuracy rate or percentage? witness depose that, there is no assessment based on the accuracy rate, we examine the documents submitted to us and give definite opinion.

How you say that there is a definite opinion when there is no original document, witness depose that, we examine on the basis of characteristics of the writing.

I have got professional training to examine the questioned documents. I have received the training to examine the document with original document and as well as the photocopy of the documents.

It is true to suggest that, truth lab is a private lab. Whether your lab is notified by the Central Government or the state Government. Witness depose that, our lab is recognized lab by the Central and State Government. We have not submitted any document to the Court with regard to the recognition by the Central or state Government.

I have two technical assistants to assist me. While examining the document I have prepared notes. I have not submitted said notes to the Court. We have 6 branches in India and one in Karnataka.

I have examined documents in 600 to 700 cases submitted from the Police as well as Court. It is false to suggest that, without obtaining the sample signature and also

the original documents, the report submitted by me is in correct.

In 3 documents how you identified the original signature and the signature which is not original?. Witness depose that, we examine the documents submitted by the client which we term as 'admitted documents'. Then we compare the admitted signature first to assess the natural writing and then will compare the same with the questioned document.

It is false to suggest that, the signature will differ when the signature was made on the table on when the signature was made under pressure or tension or the signature may deffer due to age and the signature may deffer when signed on the paper without any support. Witness depose that, there will be natural variation but the ideal base line of the writer will be the same.

It is false to suggest that, without collecting the original document only basing upon the documents submitted by the client the accurate report can not be given. It is false to suggest that, since your lab is private lab and the person who has submitted documents is also private, to help him you have given report in favour of the said private person.

Re-examination – NIL

(Typed to my dictation in the Open Court)

R. O. I. & A. C.,

Sd/-

III Addl. District & Sessions Judge,
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