

**IN THE COURT OF THE IIND ADDL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS**  
**JUDGE, U.K. KARWAR.**

**Sessions Case No. 36/2014**

C.W. 34    P.W. 35  
Duly sworn on: 08-07-2025

Name : Dr. Ratnakar Vasudev Kurdekar  
Father's name : Vasudev Kurdekar  
Age : 70 Years  
Occupation : Rtd. Doctor  
Residence : Hubli

**Examination in Chief by PP:**

1. From November 2001 to June 2015, I worked in Karwar District Hospital as a Senior Specialist. During my tenure in the said Hospital, I have conducted several Post mortems and I have submitted P.M reports to the Court and I have disposed for the Courts.

2. On 15-02-2014 at 4.30 pm when I was on duty, I have received a requisition from C.W.57 through C.W.47 alongwith dead body of Satyanarayan Murthy for conducting Post Mortem. Now I am seeing the requisitio and same is already marked as Ex.P.65. The signature of the witness if marked as Ex.P.65(a). In the said requisition, the IO has also requested to collect the samples for DNA. After receipt the of the dead body of Sathyanarayan Murthy, I have conducted the Post Mortem at the Mortury of District Hospital, Karwar from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. During the Post Mortem, I have collected two cloths which were on the body, i.e., light blue colour half pant and light blue colour cotton shirt. When I collected the cloths, same was blood stains. Thereafter, I have handed over the said cloths to C.W.47.

3. While conducting the Post mortems, I found that the body was normal built and nourished, Rigor mortis well developed all over the body. Further, I found the following the external injuries over the body.

1. A chop wound present over the left side of neck. It was at the level of thyroid cartilage, spindle shaped running horizontally from  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (1.26cm) lateral to the thyroid cartilage to back of the neck of length  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cm with breadth 4 cms in the middle and depth 4 cm. The edges of the skin are clean cut and bruised deeper tissues, the muscles blood vessels internal carotid artery internal and external jugular veins, nerves are cut all along the skin exposing the deeper cervical vertebral bone with retraction of the cut tissue more in the middle part. The wound is covered with blood clots.

4. After dissection of the body, brain was pale and all the other internal organs of chest and abdomen were pale and heart chambers were empty. The stomach and small intestine contains semi digested food and large intestine contains faecal matter. Left external Jugular vein and internal carotid artery are cut transversely at the level thyroid cartilage. Rest of the organs are intact. The injuries found on the body are ante mortem. Time since death at the time of post mortems is 3 to 24 hrs. After conducting post mortem I have given the report. In the said report itself I have given my opinion for cause of death as I was firm about cause of death. The death was due to shock due to haemorrhage (bleeding) as a result of chop wound of neck cutting the great vessels (Internal carotid) external and internal jugular veins.

5. Further, during the post mortem I have collected samples for DNA test and handed over the same to C.W.47, after correctly packing and putting the specimen seal on the same. Now, I am seeing the post

mortem report and same is marked as Ex.P.74 and signature of the witness is marked as Ex.P.74(a) and (b). The witness has identified the cloths which were collected during the post mortems and same were already marked as M.O. 17 and 18. As per my opinion the death is homicidal one.

6. On 07-05-2014, I received a requisition from C.W.57 through C.W.51 along with F.S.L report, P.M report and weapon for opinion as to the injury mentioned in the post mortem report. Now I am seeing the requisition and same is already marked as Ex.P.71 and signature of the witness is marked as Ex.P.71(a). When I received the weapon, the same was packed in white cloth having seal of F.S.L. My colleague officer C.W.35 has also conducted post mortem of Sri Velu in the same crime. Therefore, we both opened the pack and both have examined the weapon and measured it. I have drawn the picture of the weapon on white paper and also shown the measurement of the weapon in the picture. The weapon was iron sickle without any damage. It had wooden handle and lower edge was sharpened, upper edge was blunted, tip was sharp and pointed. After the examination, I had prepared the opinion report in separate and C.W.35 also prepared separate opinion. He didnt draw the picture as he was called for operation theater as there was emergency. So, I have repacked the weapon in the same cloth and affix the seal. Now I am seeing the weapon and same is already marked as Ex.P.26. Now I am seeing the cloth bag and it is marked as M.O.26/1. For measuring the weapon, I have marked in blue pen on the weapon. The injury shown in the P.M report at Ex.P.74 can be caused if assaulted by MO.26 and that injury is sufficient to cause the death. Now I am seeing the drawing and same is marked as Ex.P.75 and signature of the witness is marked as Ex.P.75(a). The opinion report is marked as Ex.P.76 and the signature of the witness is marked as

Ex.P.76(a). Thereafter, I have returned the MO. 26 alongwith my report to C.W.51.

**Cross examination: By Sri AAA., Counsel for Accused:**

1. It is true that, age of the wound can be ascertained. But, I have not mentioned the same in my P.M report. It is true that in the Ex.P.74, I have not mentioned the injuries are antemortem. It is true that in the Ex.P.74, I have not mentioned that death is due to homicidal. The Counsel for Accused asked the following questions to the witness.

1. Hamorrhage, retracting edges and inflamations are features of antemortem.?

Ans: Yes.

2. You have mentioned the above features in the post mortem.?

Ans: Yes, I have mentioned it as spindle shaped wound, bruised and blood clotted wounds. These words cover the above.

3. The lower edge of the weapon is having irregular sharpness.?

Ans: The witness answered Yes. The witness further stated that, when I examined the weapon in the year 2014 it was sharp edge. Now, 10 to 11 years have been elapsed and hence, it has become irregular edges due to rust.

4. The cloth which was covered the weapon does not contain the seal and signature of the witness.?

Ans: The witness answered that, I have put my signature and also seal. But, now it is not visible because, after my examination three of my colleague officers have examined the same weapon by opening the cloth cover.

5. There is no signature on the MO. 26 weapon.?

Ans: Yes.

6. The injury mentioned in the Ex.P.74 can be possible by assaulting with other weapons like Axe and Sword.?

Ans: It is possible that if it is assaulted with heavy and sharp edge weapon.

2. It is false to suggest that I have not conducted post mortem and also I have not examined the weapon. It is false to suggest that I am seeing the weapon for the first time in the Court. It is false to suggest that the report and the opinion are given on the say of Police.

**Re-examination – Nil -**

(Typed to my dictation in the open court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

Sd/-

(Mayanna B L.)

Ind Addl. District & Sessions Judge,  
Uttara Kannada, Karwar.