

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

Sessions Case No. 22/2021

C.W. 27 P.W. 19

Duly sworn on: 23-01-2026

Name : Dr. Girish Chadaga.
Father's name : Srinivas Chadaga
Age : 63 Years
Occupation : Rtd. Medical Officer
Residence : Honnavar

Examination in Chief by PP:-

1. From January 2016 to November 2022, I worked as Children's specialist in Kumta Taluk Hospital. I have studied MBBS and DCH. So far I have conducted several Postmortems in my service and submitted P.M reports to the Courts and also I have deposed before the Courts.

2. On 03-05-2021 at 5.45 pm when I was on duty, I have received a requisition from CW.39 in Form No.146(i) and 146(ii), through CW.35 Ramanand Naik alongwith the dead body of Abutalib for conducting Postmortem. Now I am seeing the requisition Form of 146(i) and 146(ii) and both are marked as Ex.P.77 and 78 and the signature of the witness is marked as Ex.P.77(a). In the said requisition, IO has also requested to collect the visera from the dead body and to mention the blood group. After receipt of the dead body of Abutalib, I have conducted Postmortem at the mortuary of Kumta Hospital from 6.10 pm to 7.30 pm. During the PM, I have collected the cloths which were on the dead body, i.e., 1) Lungi, 2)

Shirt, 3) Nikker. The said cloths were blood stained. Thereafter, I have handed over the cloths to CW.35.

3. While conducting the Postmortem, it was a dead body of a male person, measuring length 172 cm., with moderately built and nourished, Rigor mortis present in all the four limbs, A transverse incised like lacerated wound measuring 4.1 cm length X 1 cm. width at the middle, at the left side of the sternum at the 6th left intercostal space. After the dissection of the dead body,

Brain- found to be pale,

Thorax- Laceration of the tissues at the 6th left intercostal space, at the cost-chondral junction left side, with clotted blood, about 100 ml of partially clotted blood present and above the diaphragm,

Heart- there is a lacerated injury about 8 cm. in length seen on the anterior surface of the heart, chambers empty,

Abdomen- Peritoneum looks pale, stomach contains partly digested food and small intestine contains digested food,

Liver- looks intact and pale,

Kidney- looks pale,

Bladder- it contains 50 ml of urine.

Injury mentioned earlier is antemortem in nature, probably due to forcibly thrust of sharp, hard object. Loss of blood externally could not be measured.

4. Opinion as to cause of death is kept pending for want of RFSL report. Now I am seeing the PM report and same is marked as Ex.P.78 and signature of the witness is marked as Ex.P.78(a). Further, during the PM, I have collected visera from the dead body and also tested the blood group of the deceased and it was AB+. After properly packing with

preservatives and putting the specimen seal, handed over the same to the concerned Police. The witness has identified the cloths which were collected during the PM, the lungi is already marked as MO No.8, Shirt is already marked as MO No.9 and nikker is already marked as MO.No.10.

5. On 15-07-2021, I received a requisition from CW.39 through CPC-1657/ Chandrashekhar Naik for examination of weapon which was used for the commission of offence in the present crime. Now I am seeing the requisition and same is marked as Ex.P.79 and signature is marked as Ex.P.79(a). When I received the weapon, it was in sealed condition and it contains the seal of RFSL., Mangaluru. On opening the sealed cover, there was a steel knife with wooden and steel handle and also it was mentioned on the steel knife as "Columbia". Thereafter, I measured the said knife, the length of the knife was 31.5 cm., steel knife portion was 19 cm., and handle length was 12.5 cm. After the examination of said knife, I have given my opinion with respect to question posed by the IO in the requisition that, "it is possible to sustain such injury mentioned in the PM report could be possible by the type of weapon examined." Thereafter, I repacked the said knife and also sealed the same and handed over to concerned Police. Now I am seeing the opinion on the weapon issued by me and same is marked as Ex.P.80 and signature is marked as Ex.P.80(a). Now I am seeing the sample seal and same is marked as Ex.P.81 and signature is marked as Ex.P.81(a). Now I am seeing the knife which I have examined and same is already marked as MO.No.2.

6. On 27-07-2021, I received a requisition from CW.39 to give preliminary opinion on cause of death on the basis of the PM report. Now I am seeing the requisition and same is marked as Ex.P.82 and signature is marked as Ex.P.82(a). After going through the PM report, I have given my opinion that, "death was due to loss of blood due to injury to the heart".

Now I am seeing my preliminary opinion and same is marked as Ex.P.83 and signature is marked as Ex.P.83(a).

7. On 30-08-2022, again I received a requisition dated 30-08-2022 alongwith FSL report and pathology report from CW.39, to give final opinion. Now I am seeing the requisition and same is marked as Ex.P.84 and signature is marked as Ex.P.84(a). Thereafter, I have gone through the FSL report and pathology report I have given my opinion that, death is "due to hamerrage and shock, due to injury to vital organ namely heart". Now I am seeing final opinion and same is marked as Ex.P.85 and signature is marked as Ex.P.85(a). As per the PM report and FSL report, the death is homicidal one. Further, at the time of conducting postmortem, the time since death was 6 to 8 hours. Now I am seeing the pathology report, and same is already marked as Ex.P.75. Further, now I am seeing the RFSL report, and same is marked as Ex.P.86.

Cross examination: By CLADC Counsel for Accused:-

8. It is true that, the width of the knife is not 3.5 cm. from the top to bottom. It is true that, the width of the knife is 0.5 cm. at the place of 1 cm. from the tip of the point. It is true that, heart will be covered with muscles and bones. It is true that, if any person stabs to another person, from a sharp weapon it will not cause injury directly to the heart. It is true that, a person fall on sharp edge object, injury would be caused. It is true that, the width of the knife is not 8.cm. Witness volunteers that since the muscles are the soft tissue, there will be chance for gaping of injury (ಗಾಯ ದೊಡ್ಡದಾಗುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ). It is true that, I have not mentioned the said explanation in my report. It is true that, whenever the samples are collected while postmortem or medical examination, the samples shall be preserved. It is true that, I have not preserved the heart in formalin. It is true that, if the

samples are not preserved, it cannot be possible to get the proper report. It is true that, I am not specialized in pathology, forensic medicine and toxicology. It is true that, there is no signature or seal on MO. No.8, 9, 10. It is true that, I have not mentioned the age of the injury in the postmortem report. It is denied that, the Police have not sent the MO.No.2 for its examination and opinion. It is denied that, though I have not examined the MO. No.2, on the request of the Police, I have given the false opinion. It is denied that, I have not collected the cloths of the body and I have not given the same to the Police. It is suggested that, the single wound cannot cause the death of the person and witness stated that, it depends on the weapon and force and also depends on the vital organ to which the injury is caused. It is denied that, I have given the false report to the Police.

Re-examination – Nil -

(Typed to my dictation in the open court)

R.O.I. & A.C.

Sd/-

(Mayanna B L.)

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